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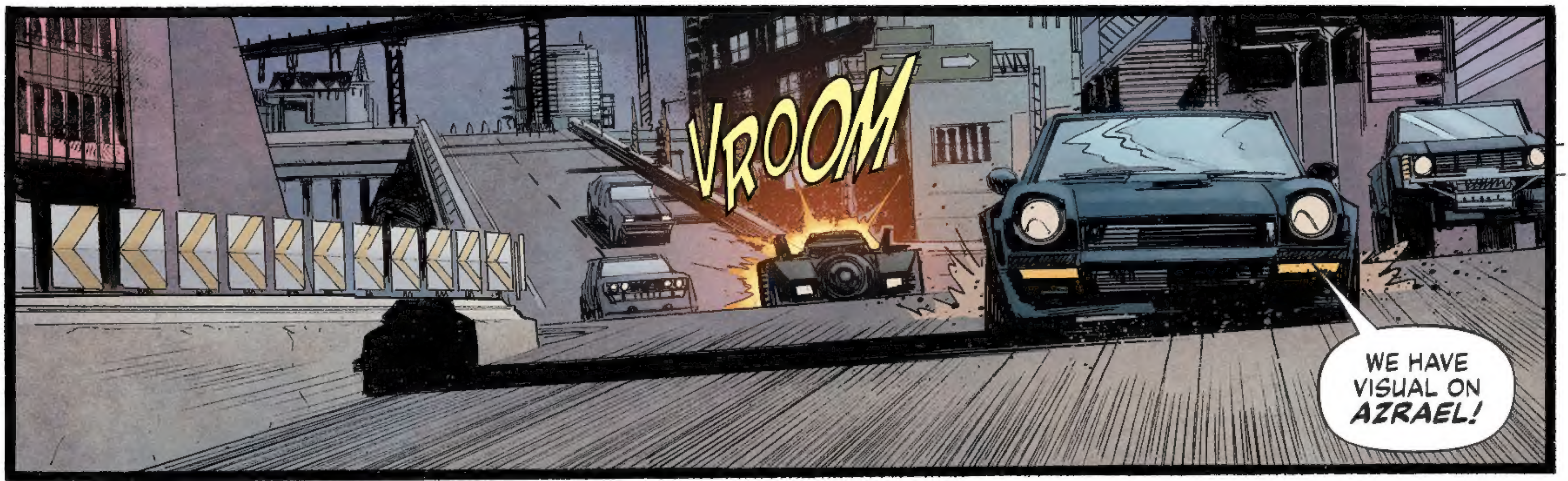
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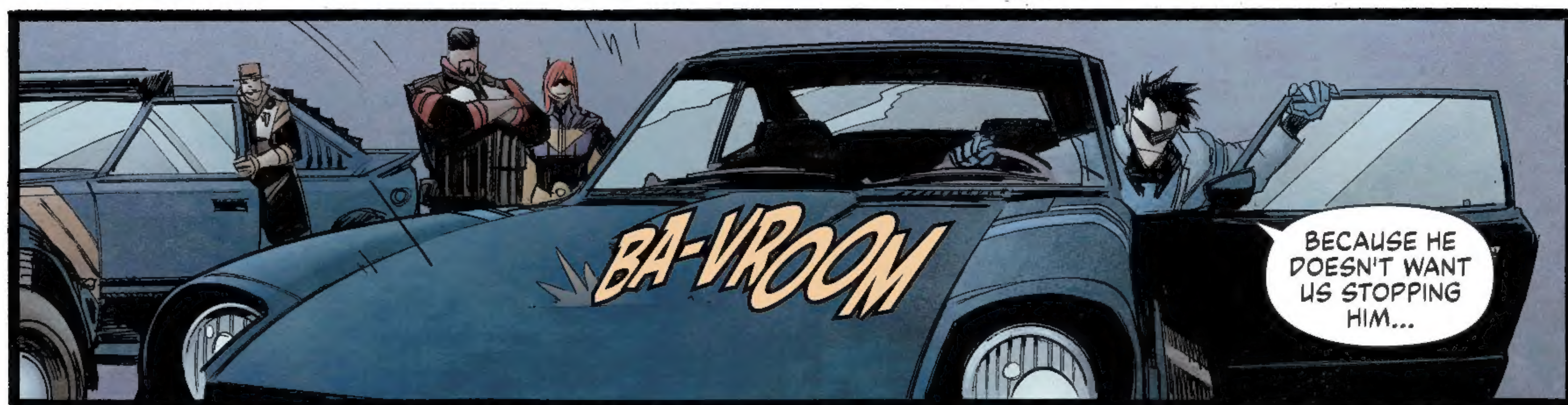
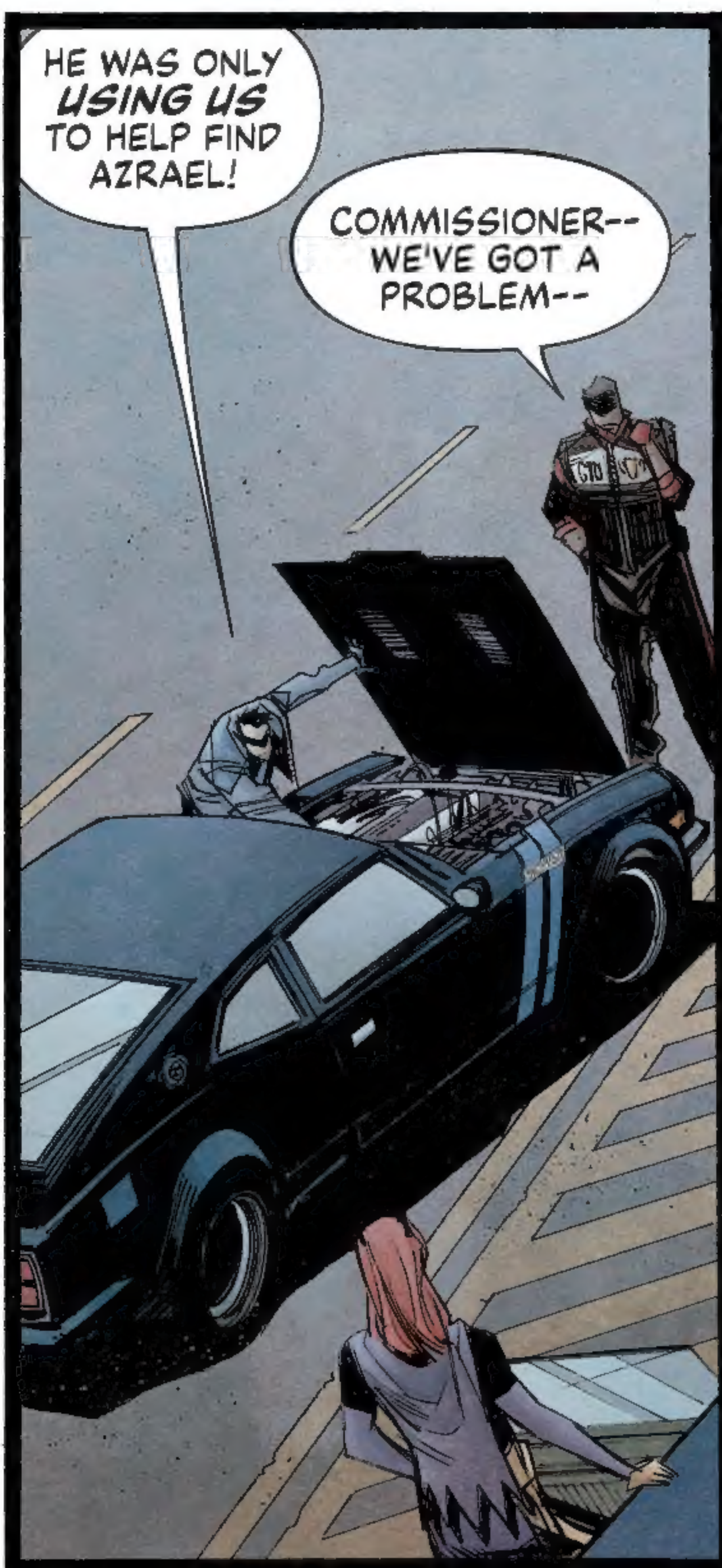
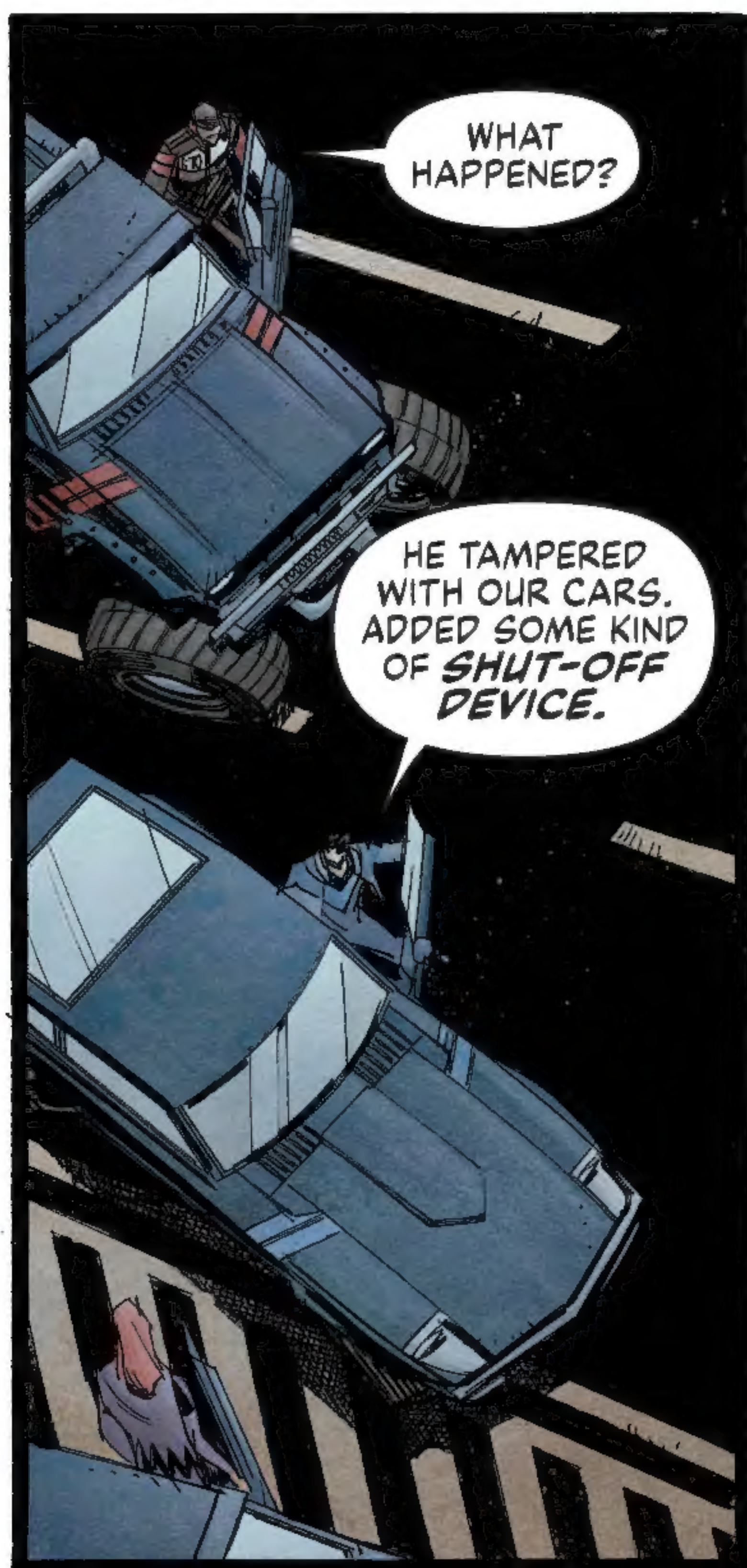
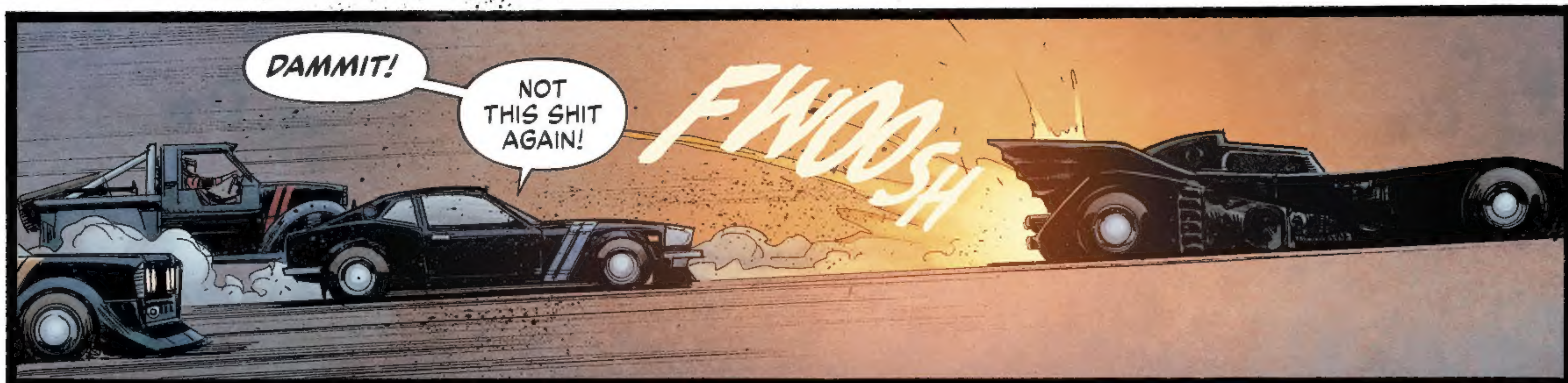
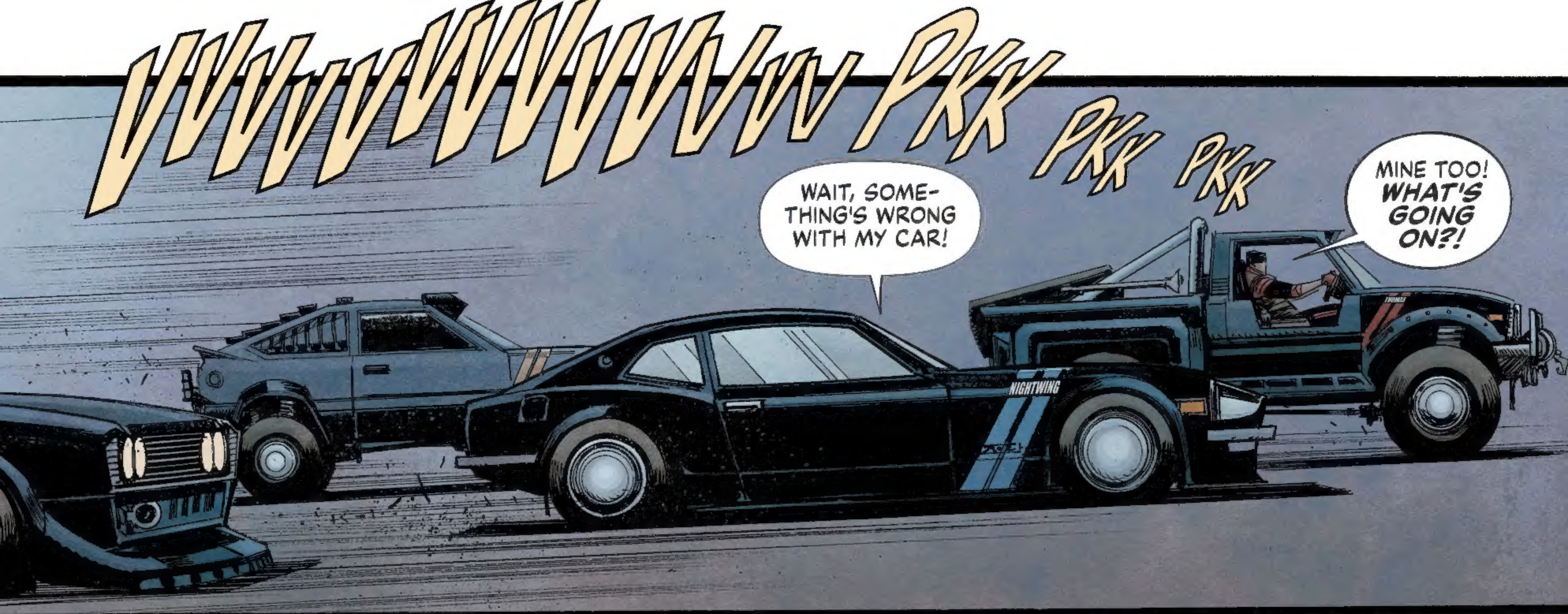
CURSE OF THE WHITE KNIGHT

BOOK EIGHT



BATMAN
CURSE OF THE
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"...FROM
KILLING
AZRAEL."

FWOOSH

VVVVVT!!

BRATTA RATTA

RATTA

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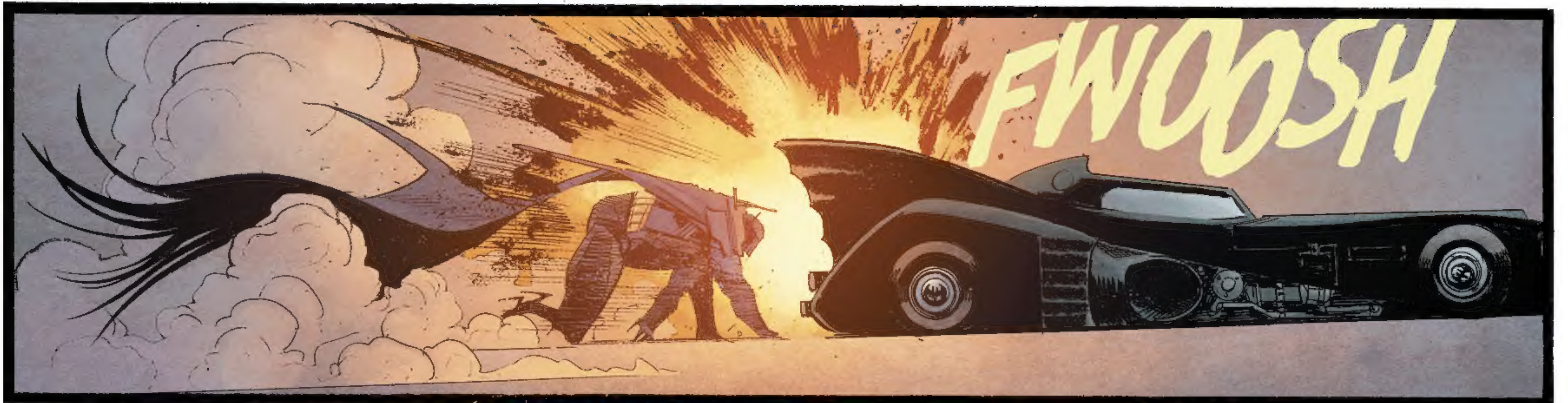
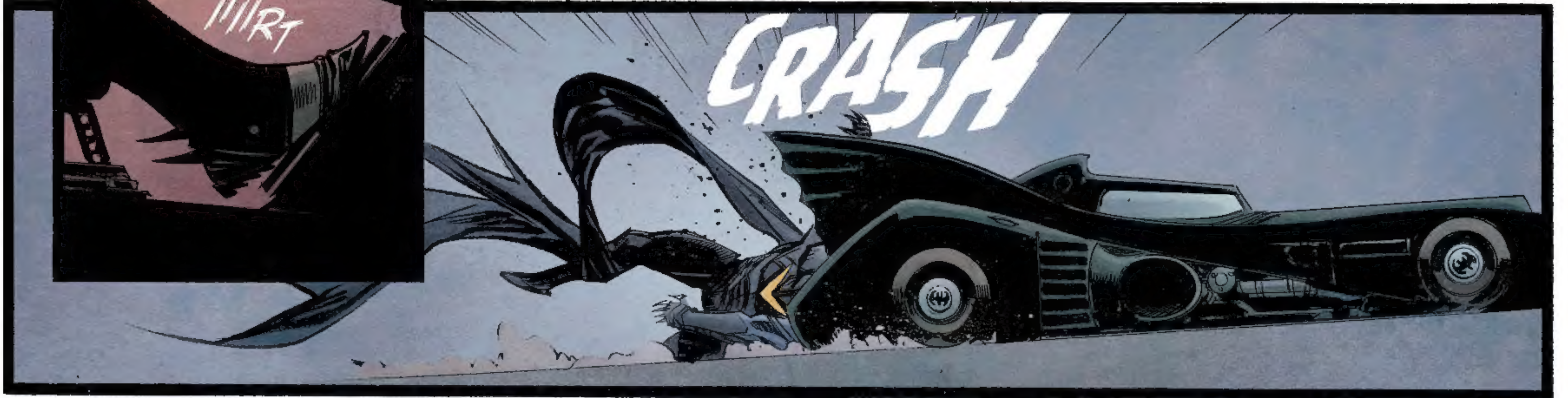
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HOOK
TURBO
BEEP

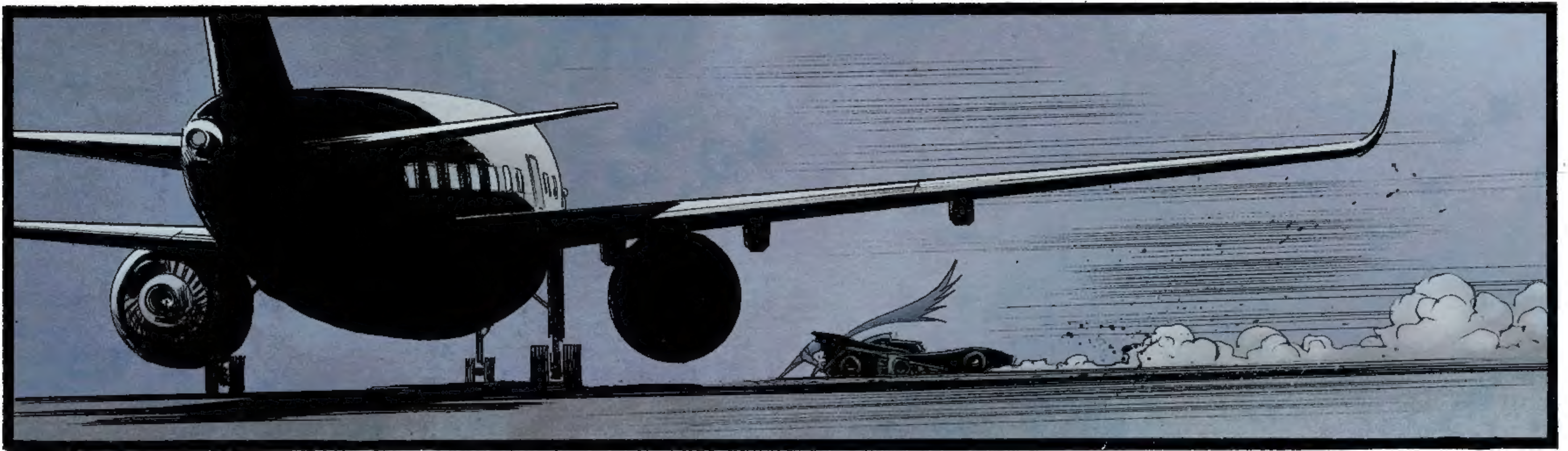
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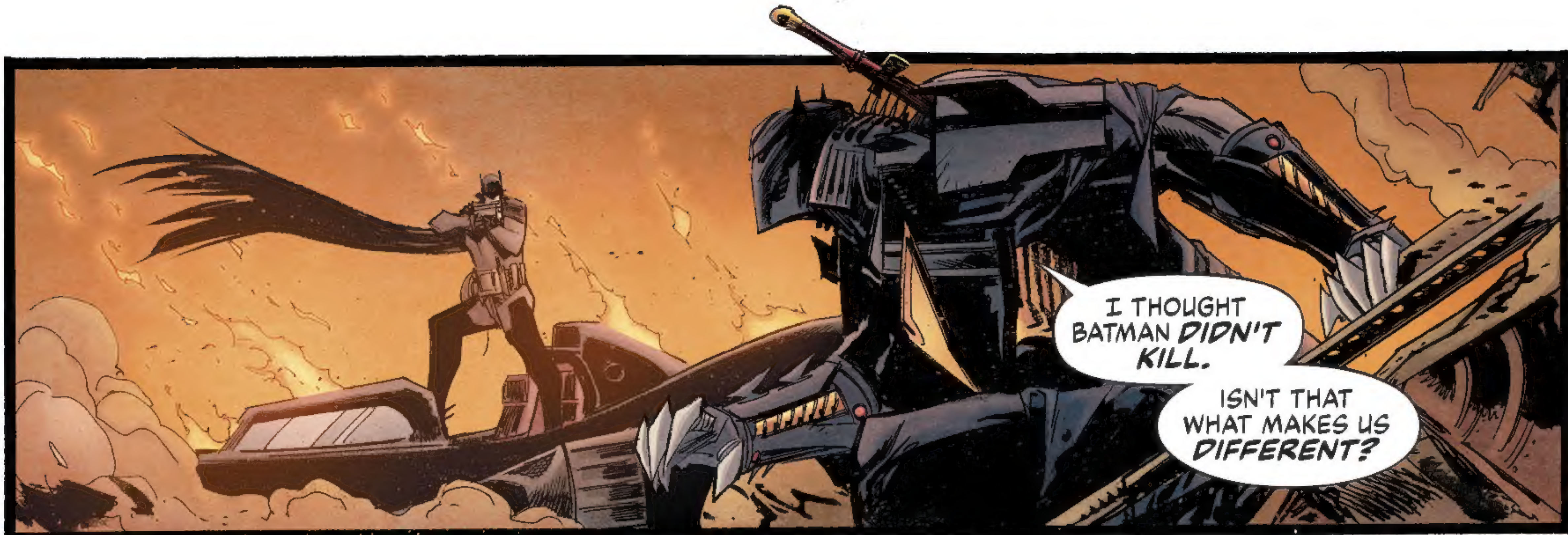
KLANG

Ton6!

SCREEEECH







I THOUGHT
BATMAN *DIDN'T*
KILL.

ISN'T THAT
WHAT MAKES US
DIFFERENT?



BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA



BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA



THOKK



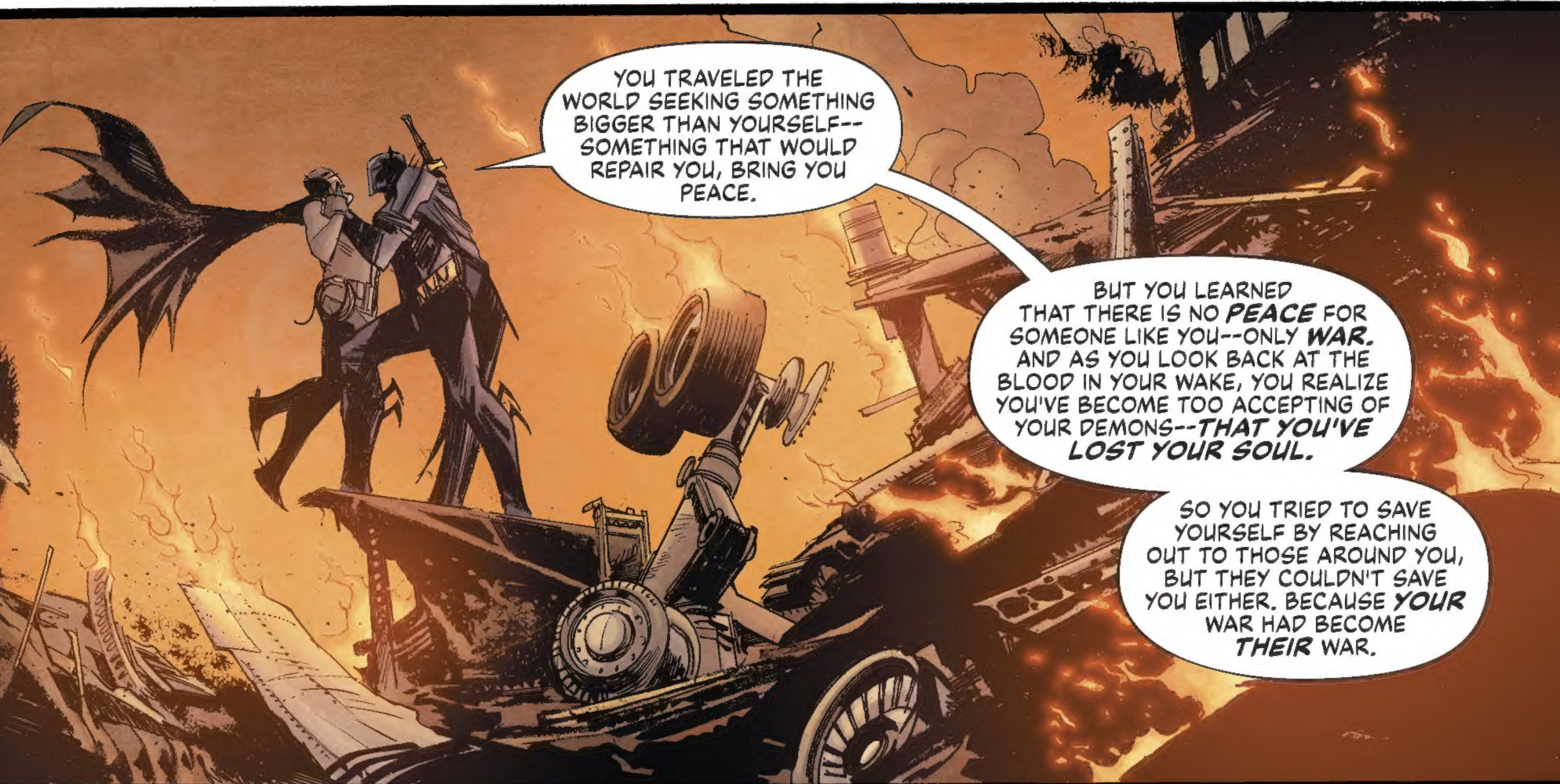
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WELL IF YOU'RE NO
LONGER BATMAN, AND
YOU'RE NO LONGER A
WAYNE, THEN *WHO*
ARE YOU?

I'M YOUR
RECKONING.

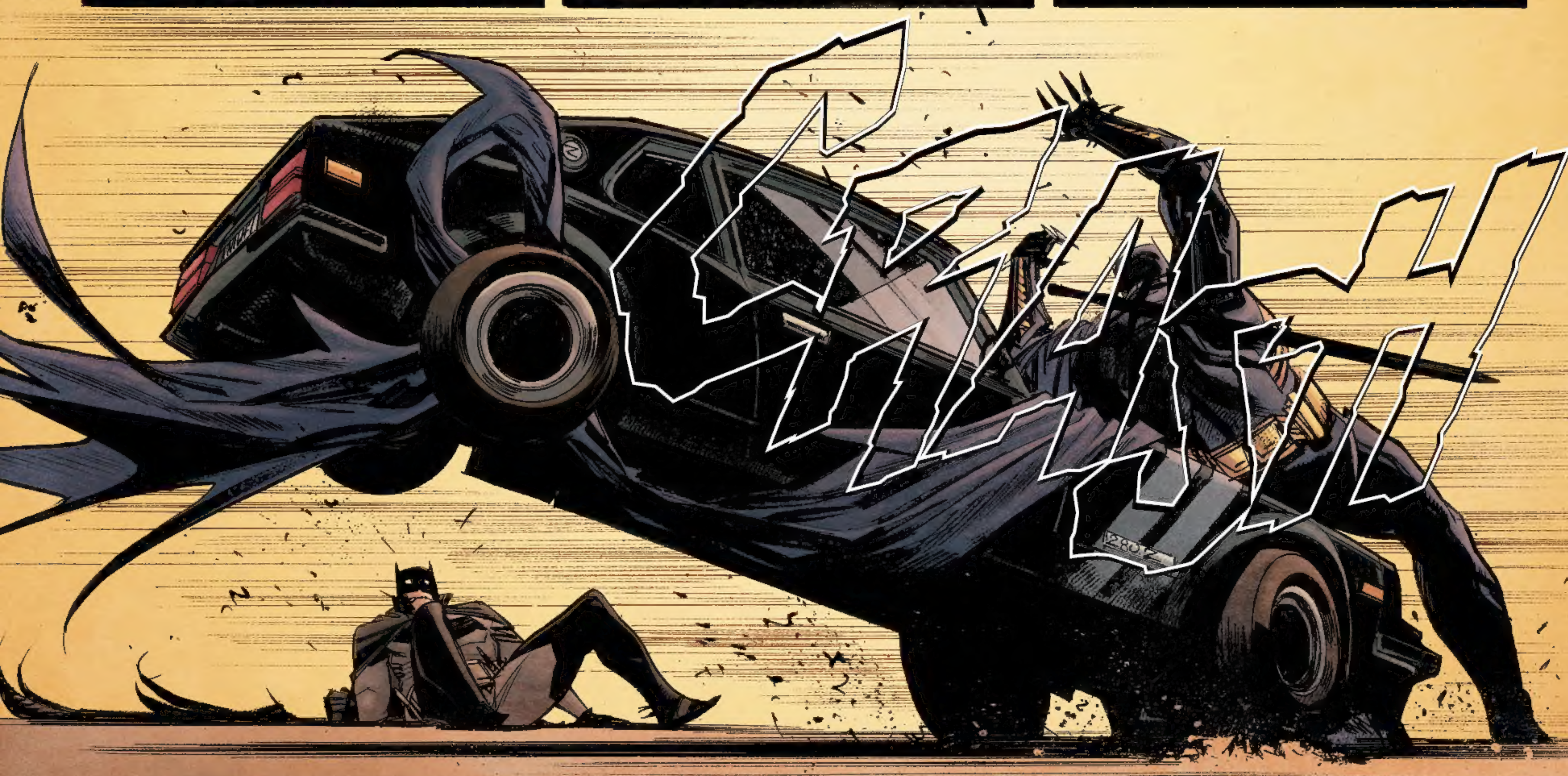
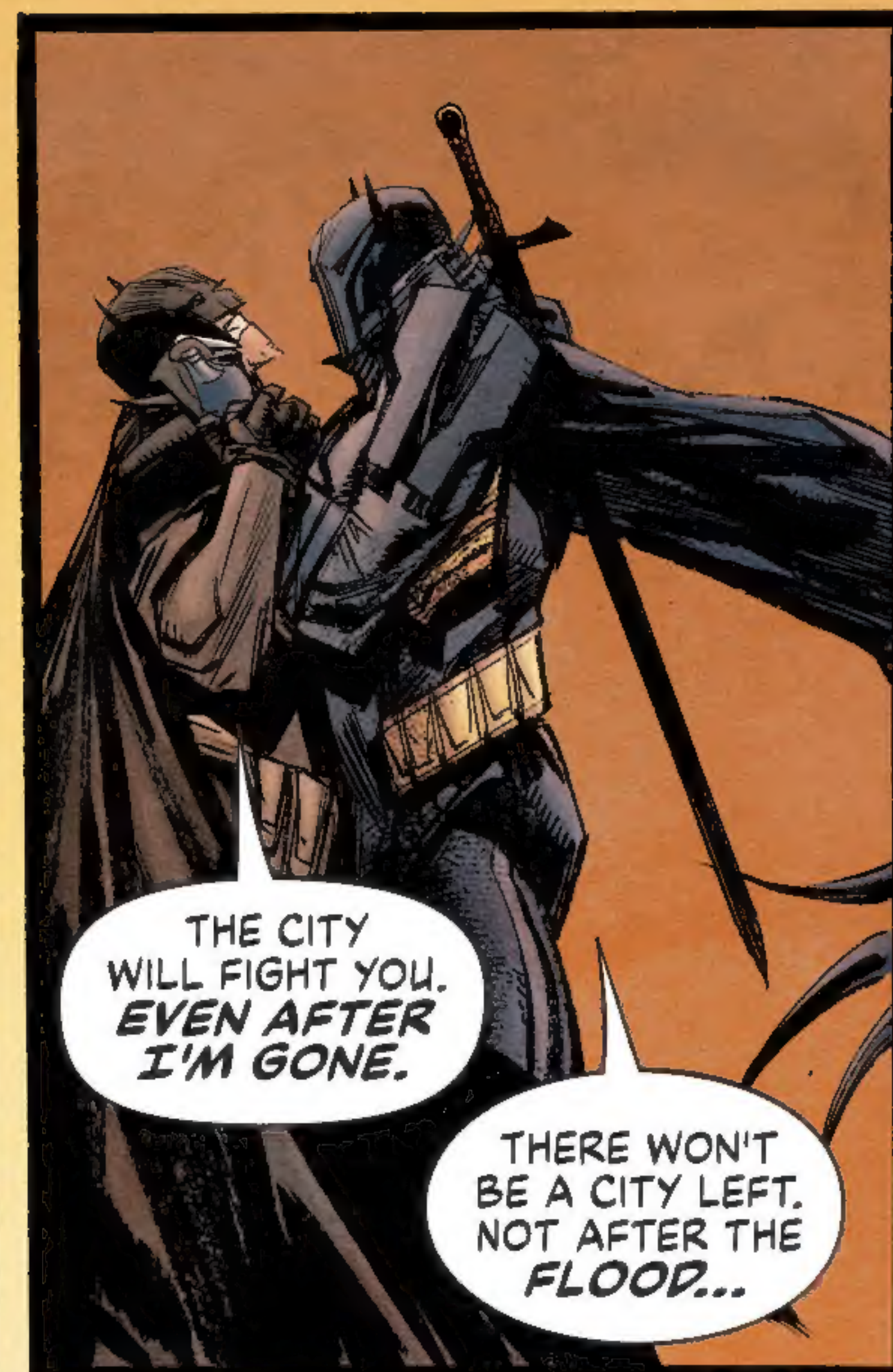
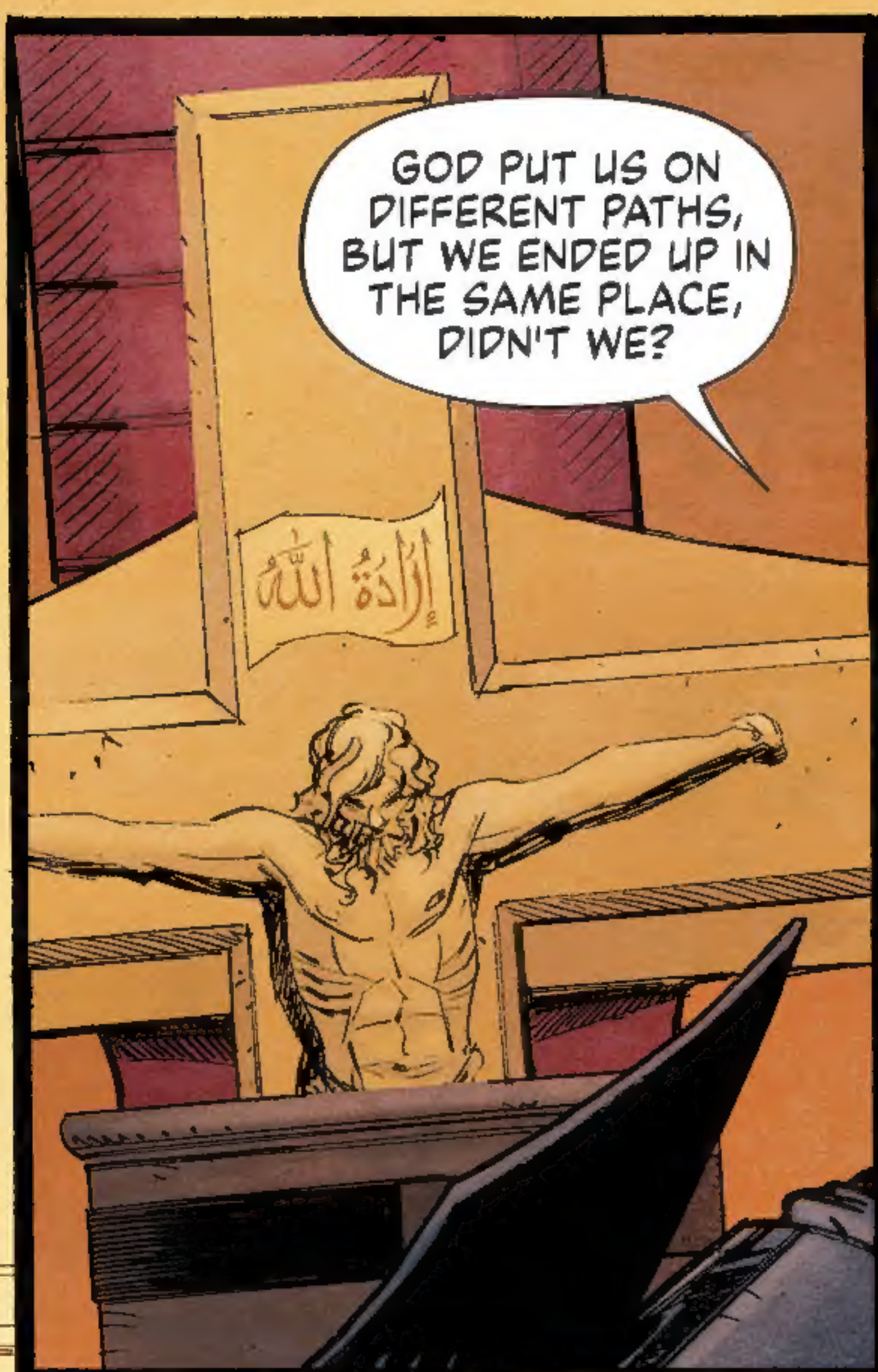
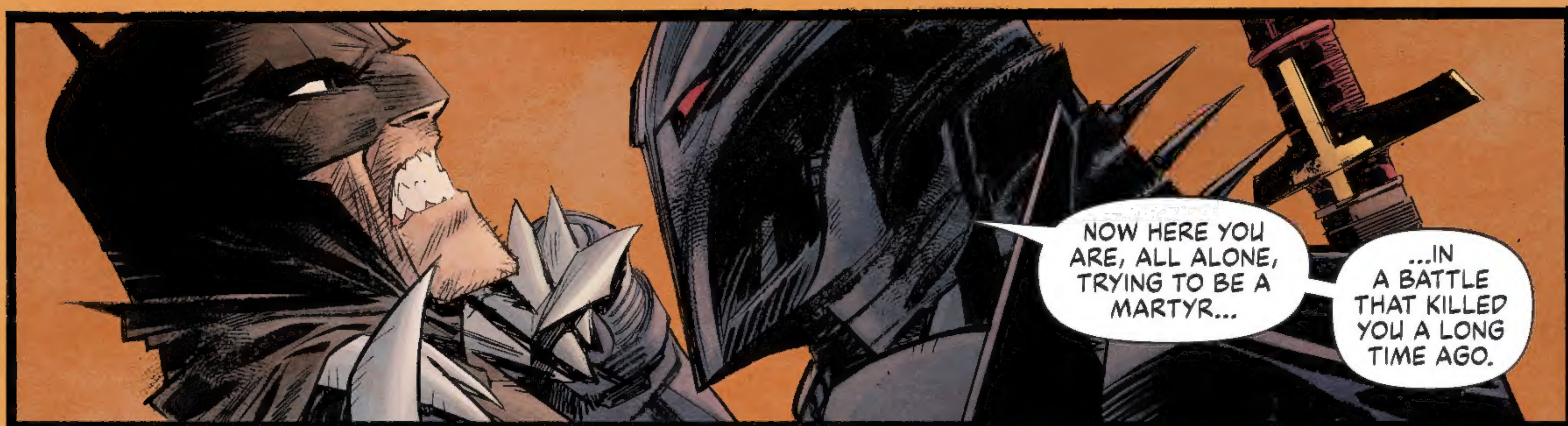
NO. I
KNOW WHAT YOU
REALLY ARE,
BRUCE...



YOU TRAVELED THE
WORLD SEEKING SOMETHING
BIGGER THAN YOURSELF--
SOMETHING THAT WOULD
REPAIR YOU, BRING YOU
PEACE.

BUT YOU LEARNED
THAT THERE IS NO *PEACE* FOR
SOMEONE LIKE YOU--ONLY *WAR*.
AND AS YOU LOOK BACK AT THE
BLOOD IN YOUR WAKE, YOU REALIZE
YOU'VE BECOME TOO ACCEPTING OF
YOUR DEMONS--*THAT YOU'VE*
LOST YOUR SOUL.

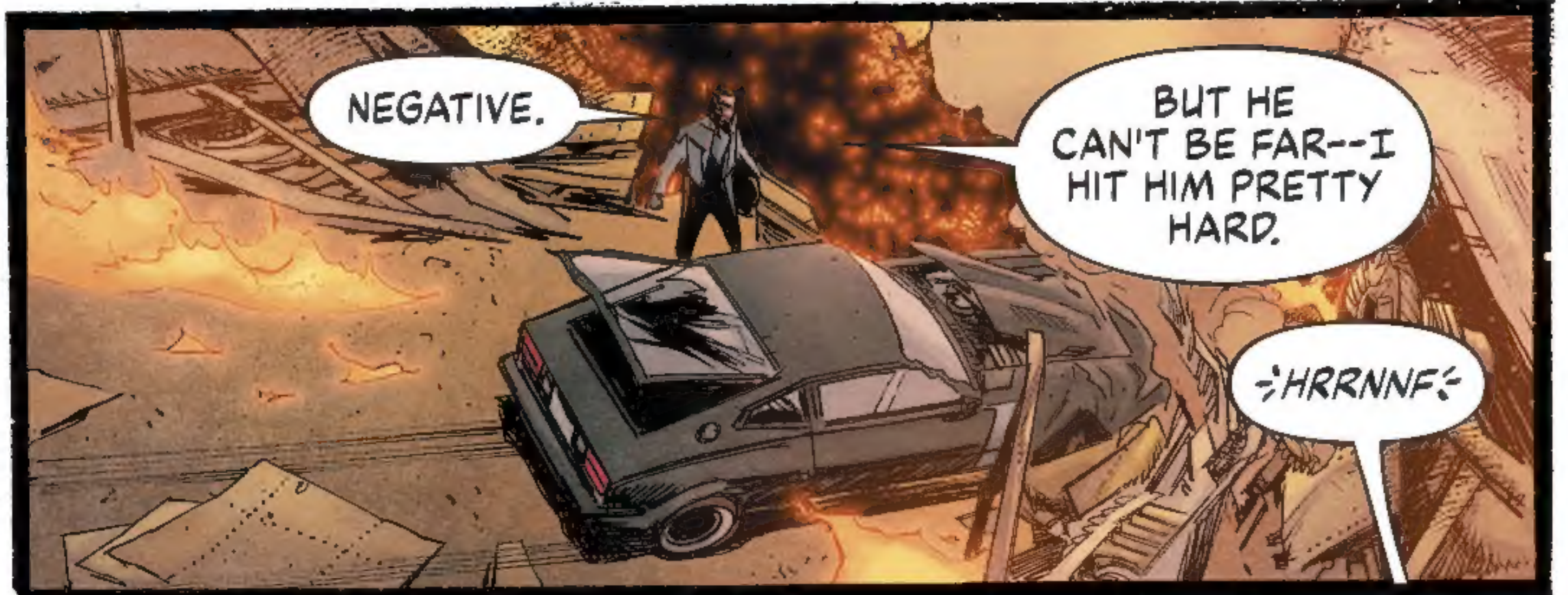
SO YOU TRIED TO SAVE
YOURSELF BY REACHING
OUT TO THOSE AROUND YOU,
BUT THEY COULDN'T SAVE
YOU EITHER. BECAUSE *YOUR*
WAR HAD BECOME
THEIR WAR.





ALL UNITS REPORT
TO THE ABANDONED
AIRPORT DEPOT.

GRAYSON--YOU
STILL HAVE EYES
ON AZRAEL?



NEGATIVE.

BUT HE
CAN'T BE FAR--I
HIT HIM PRETTY
HARD.

~HRRN~



BRUCE...
IS THAT A
GUN?

GODDAMN
IT--WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?
**THIS ISN'T
YOU!**



**AZRAEL NEEDS TO
DIE.** FOR WHAT HE'S
DONE, FOR WHAT HE
STANDS FOR.

AND WHAT
IF IT KILLS
YOU?!

MAYBE THAT'S
FOR THE BEST.
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT
GOTHAM REALLY
NEEDS--**A CLEAN
SLATE.**

JESUS, YOU
HAVEN'T LEARNED
ANYTHING, HAVE YOU?!
AFTER EVERYTHING THAT'S
HAPPENED, **NOTHING'S
CHANGED!**



GORDON IS DEAD.
BARBARA BARELY
SURVIVED. AZRAEL IS
RIGHT--**I BROUGHT
THIS WAR UPON
YOU.**

SO IT WAS ALL A
MISTAKE? BRINGING
US INTO THIS?
BARBARA, JASON,
GORDON--

YES.



THEN WHY
DID YOU DO
IT, BRUCE?

DO
WHAT?

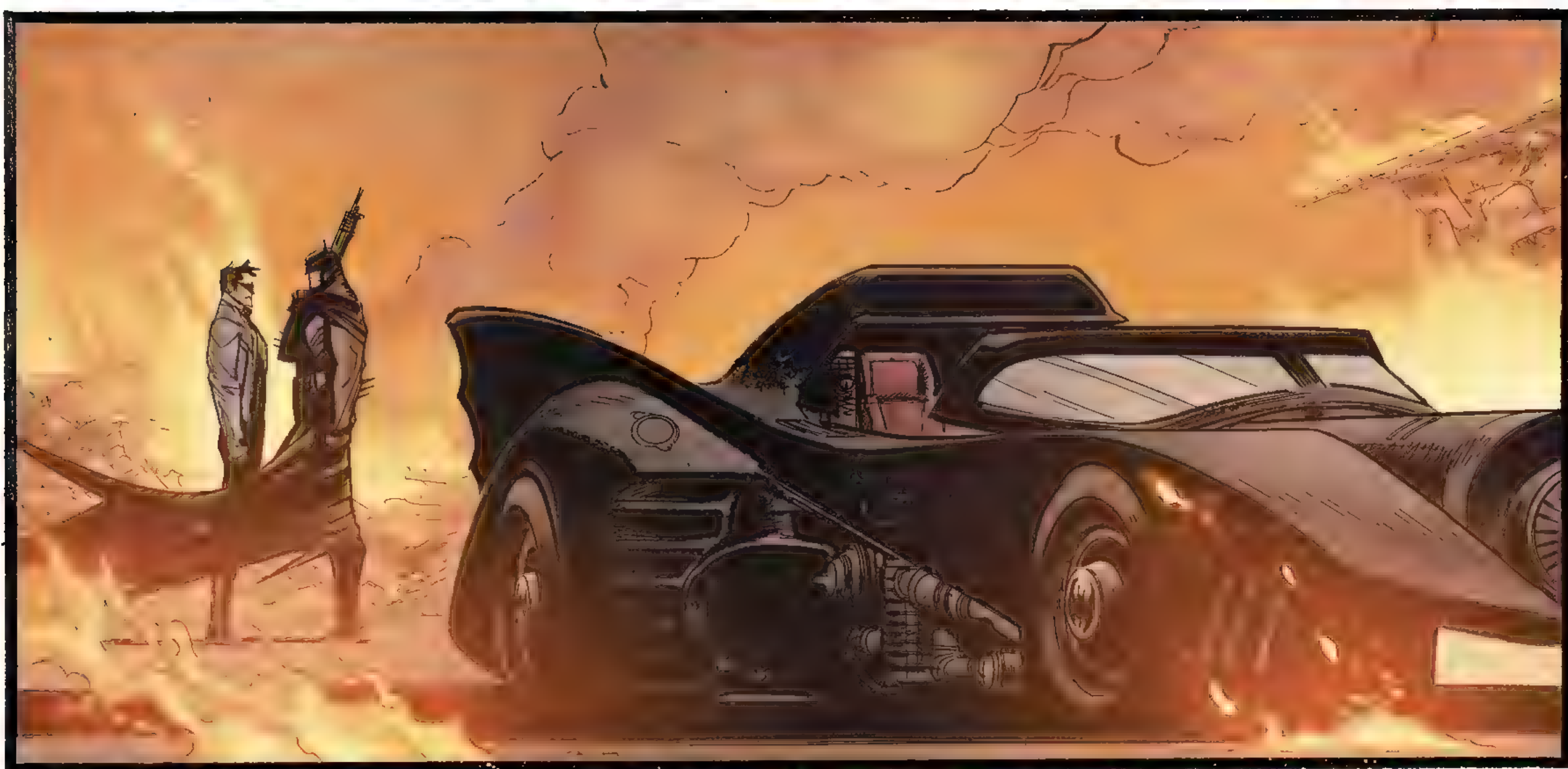
WHY
ADOPT ME IN
THE FIRST
PLACE?

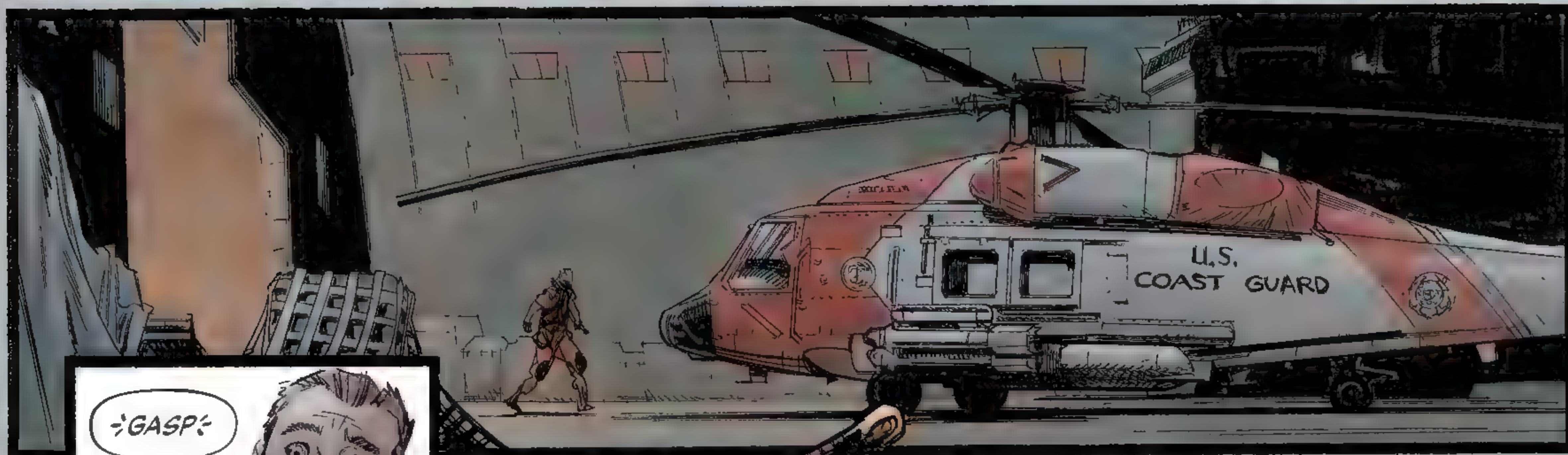


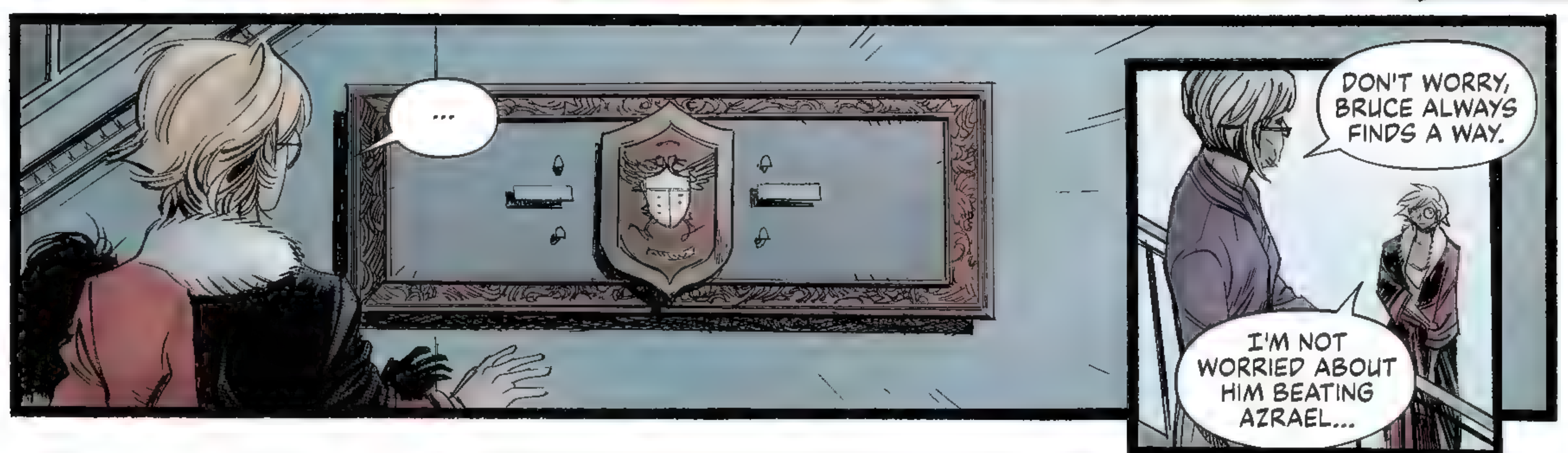
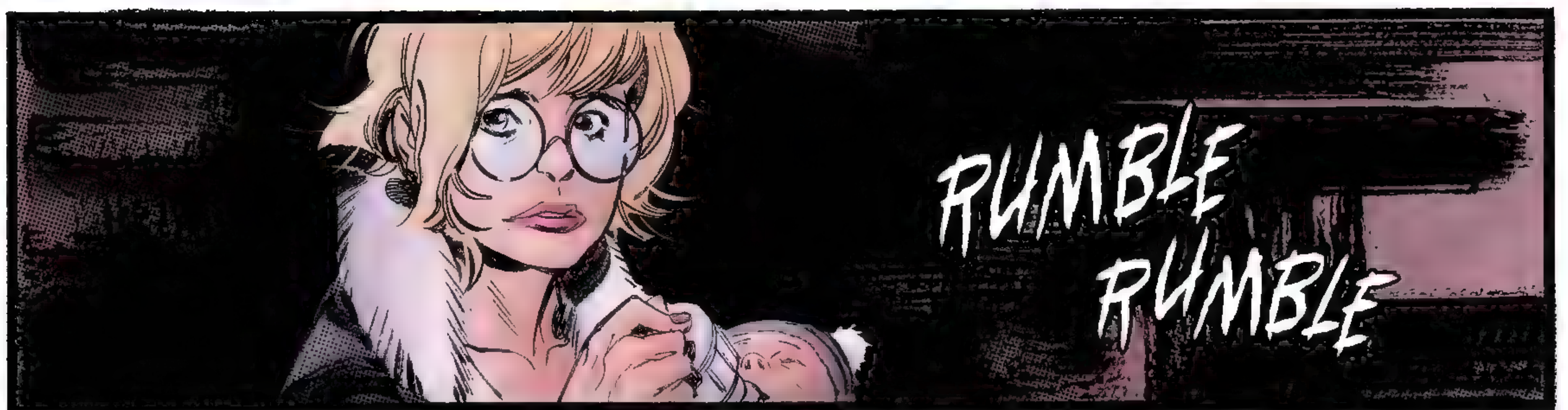
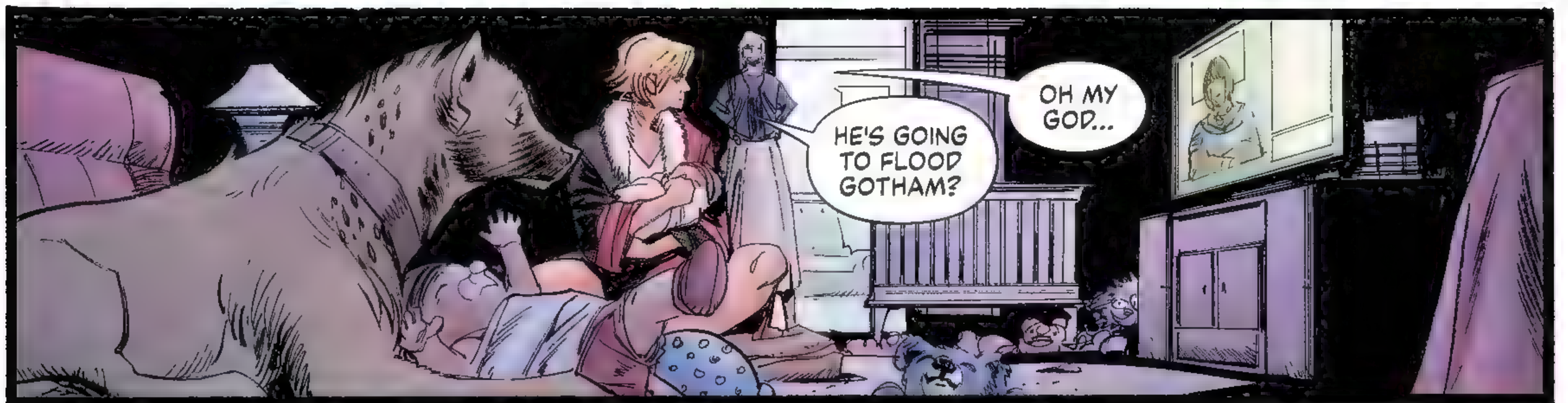
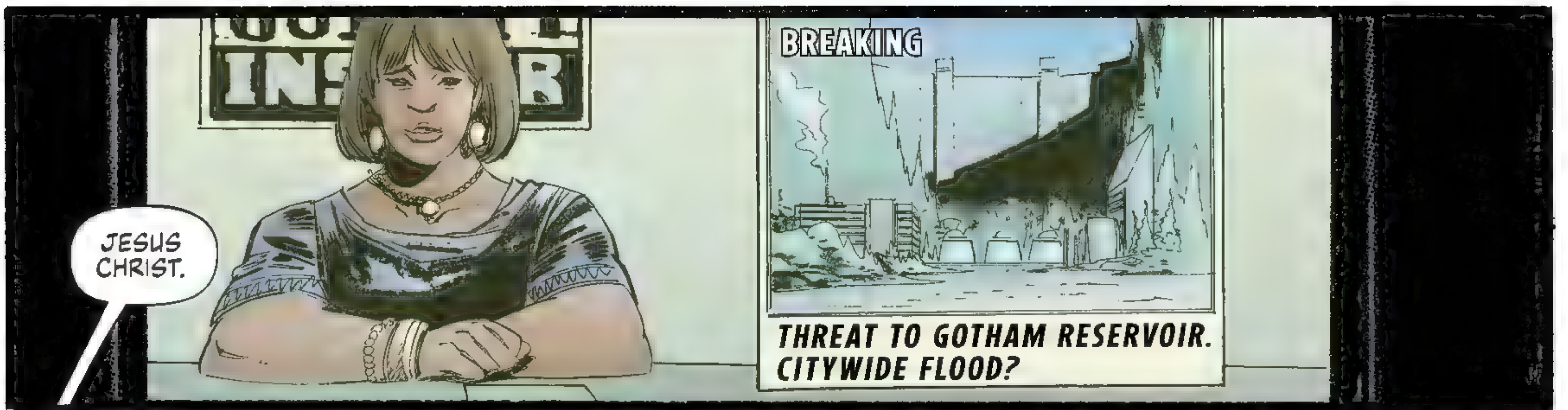
I'VE RUINED
YOUR LIFE,
DICK.

YOU
SAVED
ME!

I TRIED TO
SAVE YOU AND
I **FAILED**--
BECAUSE I'M
NOT MUCH OF A
FATHER.







"...I'M WORRIED
WHAT IT MIGHT
COST HIM IN
ORDER TO DO IT.

"HE'S LOST **EVERYTHING**:
HIS HOME, HIS INHERITANCE,
THE HONOR OF HIS FAMILY
LEGACY. THERE'S ONLY ONE
THING AZRAEL HASN'T
TAKEN FROM HIM: **HIS
SOUL.**

"THAT'S THE ONLY THING
KEEPING BRUCE FROM
FALLING INTO THE **ABYSS.**
I JUST HOPE HE CAN
SAVE HIMSELF...

"...BY REMEMBERING
WHO HE REALLY IS."

I MIGHT
NOT ALWAYS
UNDERSTAND
BATMAN...

...BUT I KNOW
HE'S **NOTHING**
WITHOUT THE MAN
INSIDE OF HIM.

THAT **COMMITMENT
TO OTHERS** RUNS
DEEP IN YOUR BLOOD.
THAT'S WHAT MAKES
YOU A **WAYNE.**

SO DON'T
LET ANYONE
TELL YOU
OTHERWISE.

IF YOU
WANT TO HONOR
YOUR PARENTS,
WORK HARD TO
MAKE THEM
PROUD.

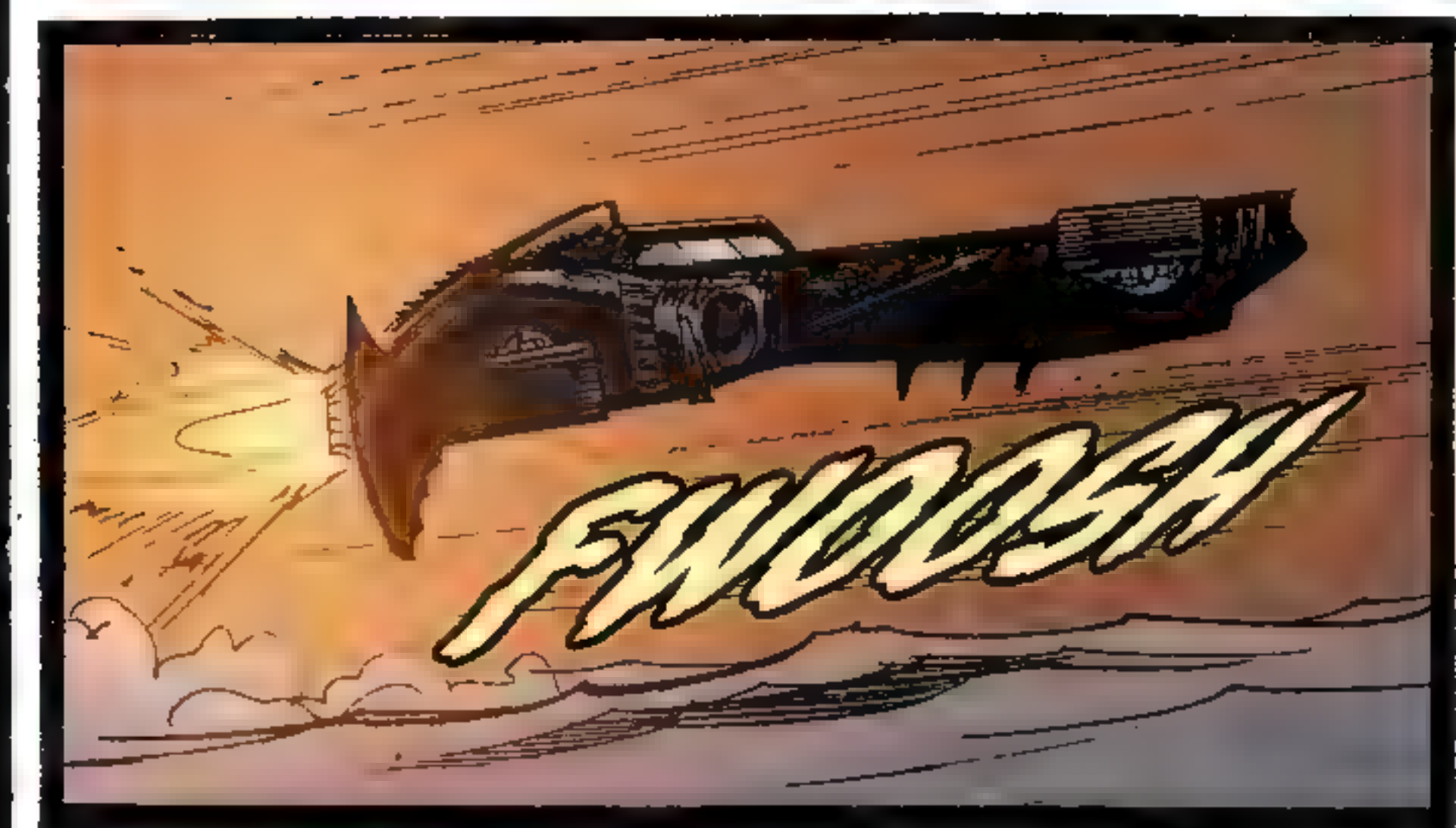
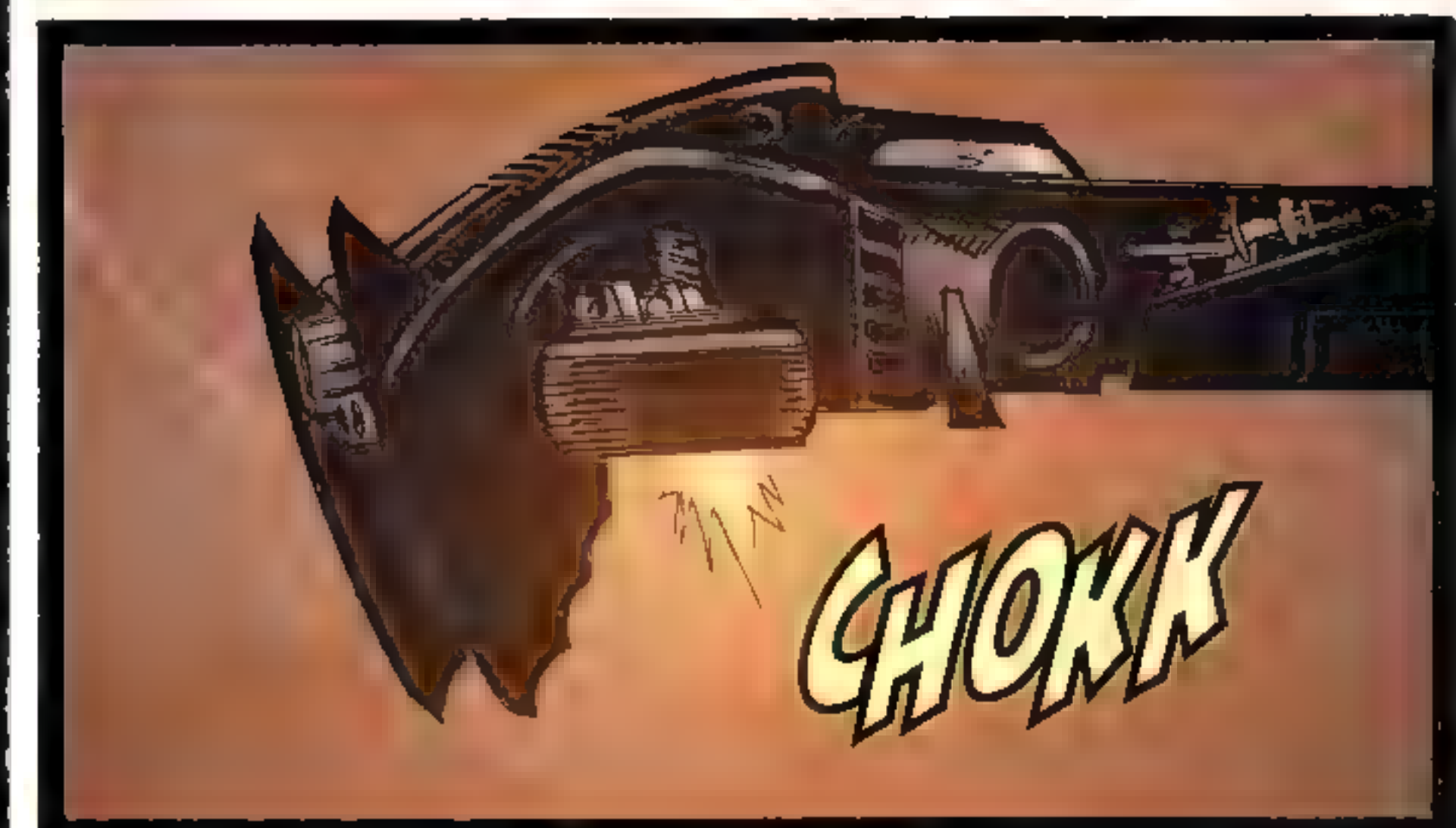
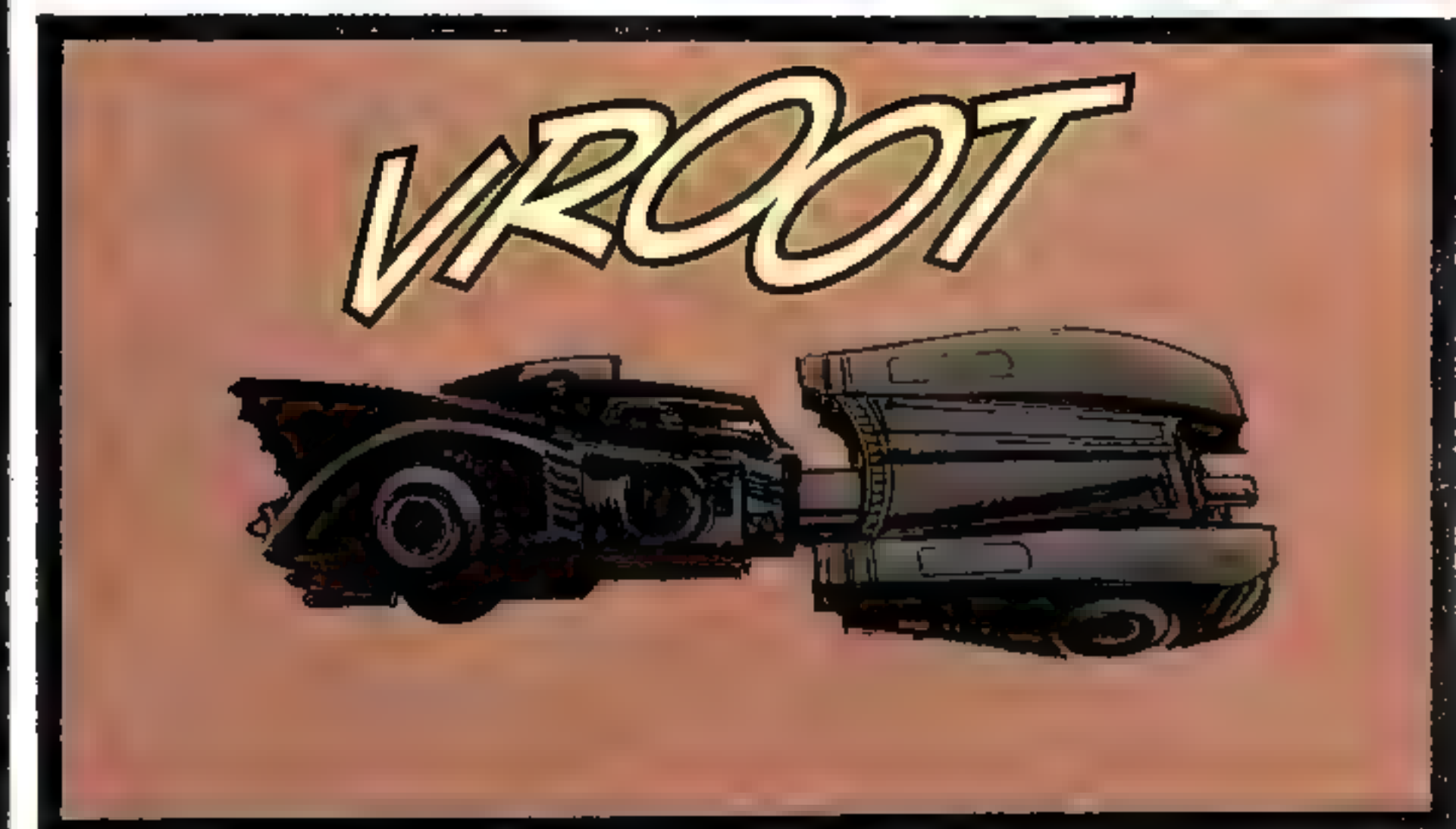
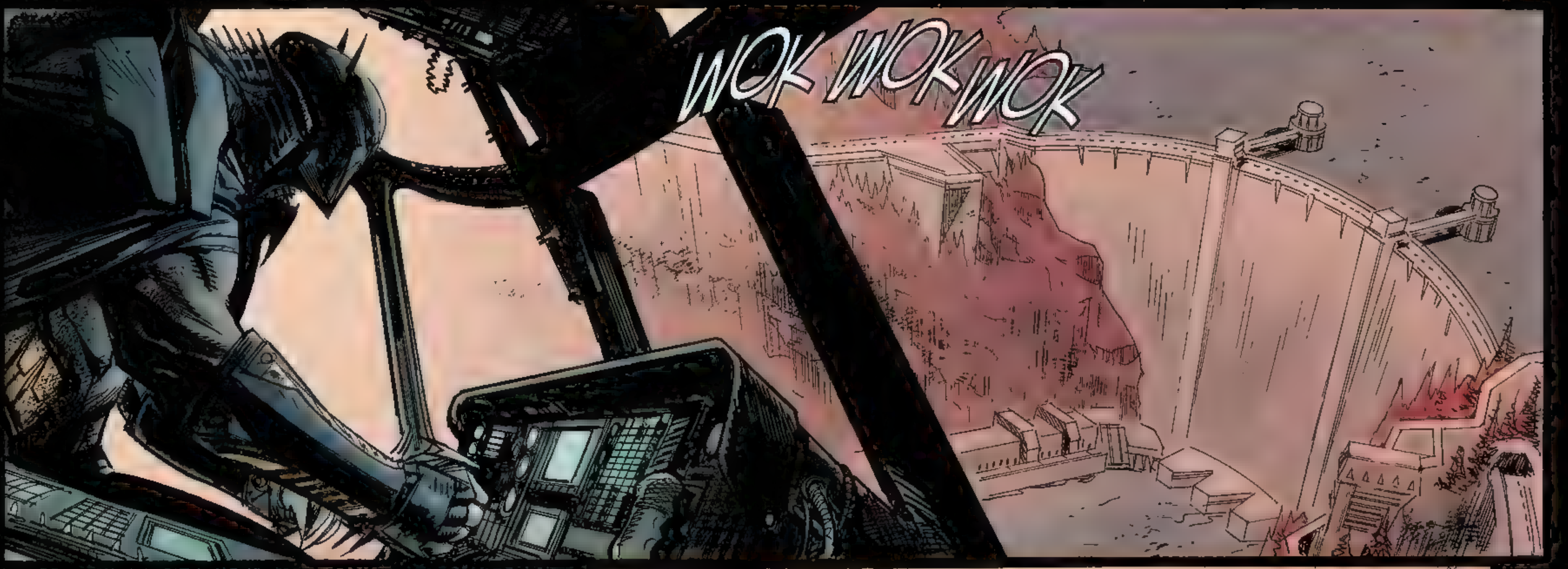
MY FIRST ORDER AS
COMMISSIONER WAS TO
INSTALL THIS SIGNAL.

YOU'RE OKAY
WORKING WITH
A VIGILANTE?

I KNOW
YOU WON'T BE
WEARING THE
MASK **FOR-
EVER.**

I BELIEVE
THAT IF WE FIGHT
HARD ENOUGH, WE
CAN MAKE GOTHAM A
PLACE WHERE HEROES
DON'T HAVE TO HIDE
ANYMORE.

THAT'S
HOW I'LL KNOW
WE'VE WON--THE
DAY THAT MASK
COMES OFF.







THIS SUIT HAS
LASER-GUIDED
BATARANGS, ADVANCED
OCULAR TECH, AND
SPECIALIZED R.A.Z.O.R.
PLATING.

AND YOU
BROUGHT
RAPIERS?



I SAW WHAT'S
CARVED INTO THE
HILT OF YOUR
SWORD.

**IRADAT
ALLAH.**

IT'S ARABIC.
FOR **GOD'S
WILL.**

SO?



SO IF
THAT SWORD
IS **GOD'S** WILL,
THEN IT'S **ALL**
YOU SHOULD
NEED.

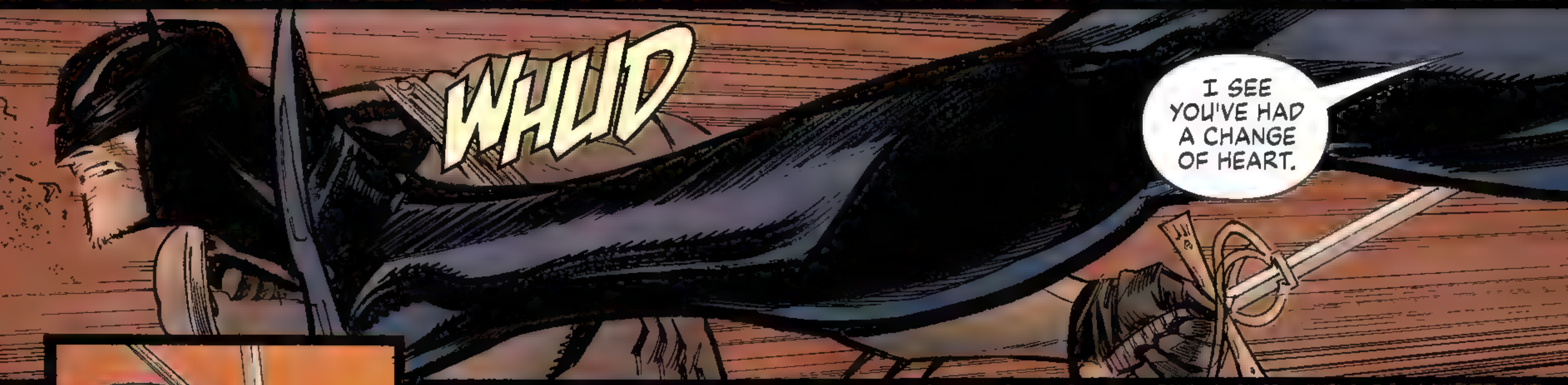
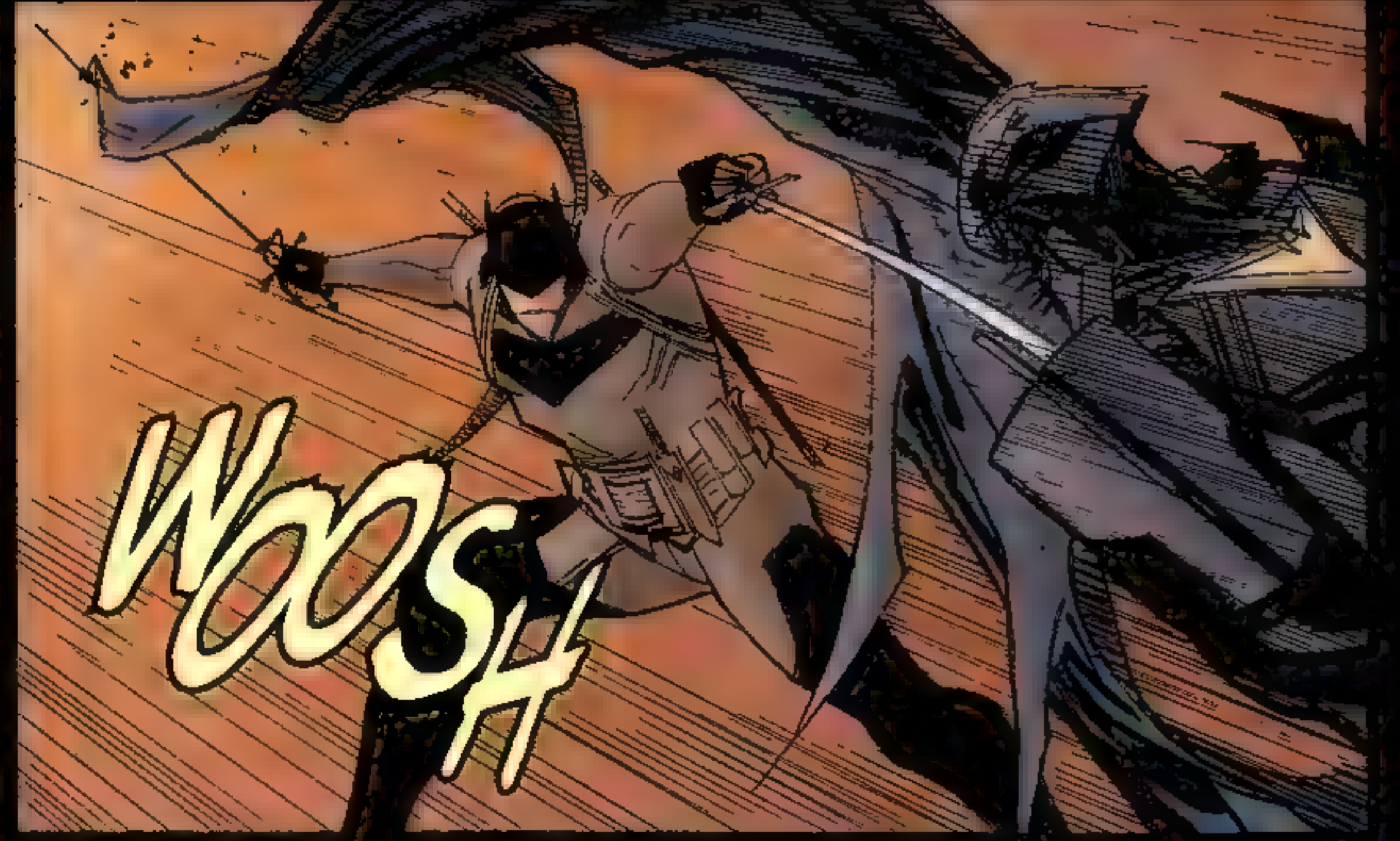
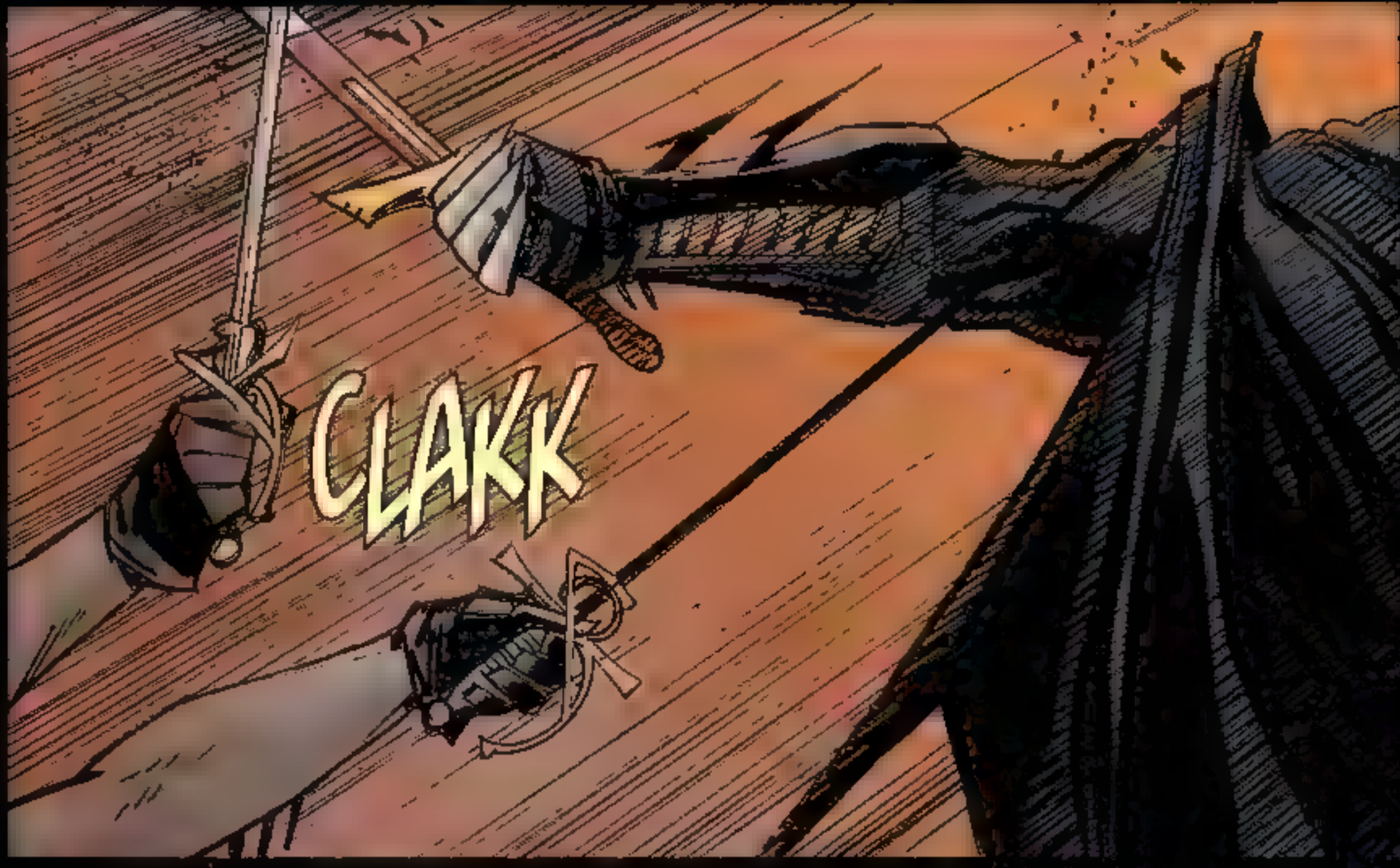
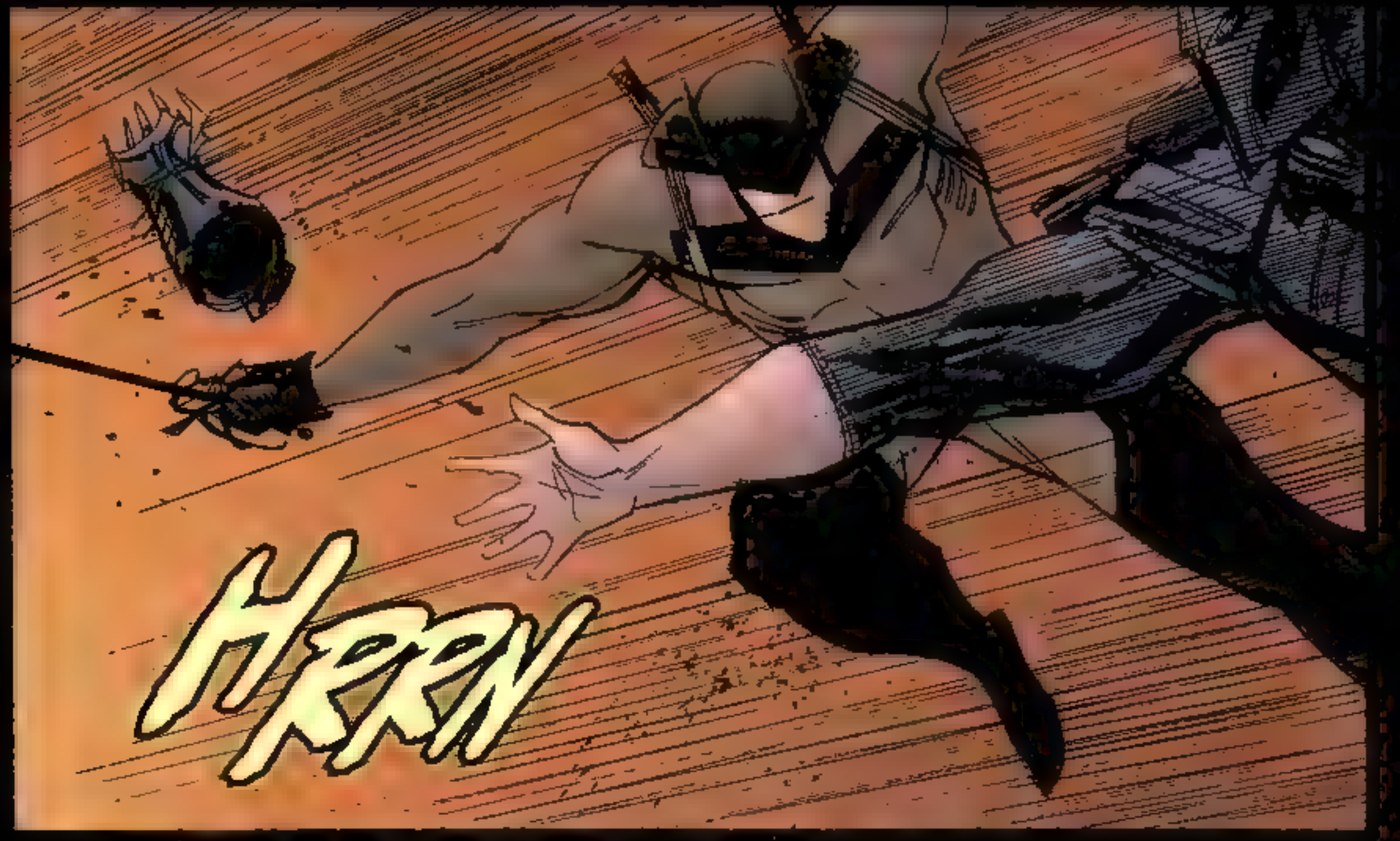


...

WELL
PLAYED,
BRUCE.



MAY THE
LORD SHINE
BRIGHTLY ON
**EACH OF
US.**



I SEE
YOU'VE HAD
A CHANGE
OF HEART.

TRYING TO
DISARM
ME, RATHER
THAN KILL
ME?

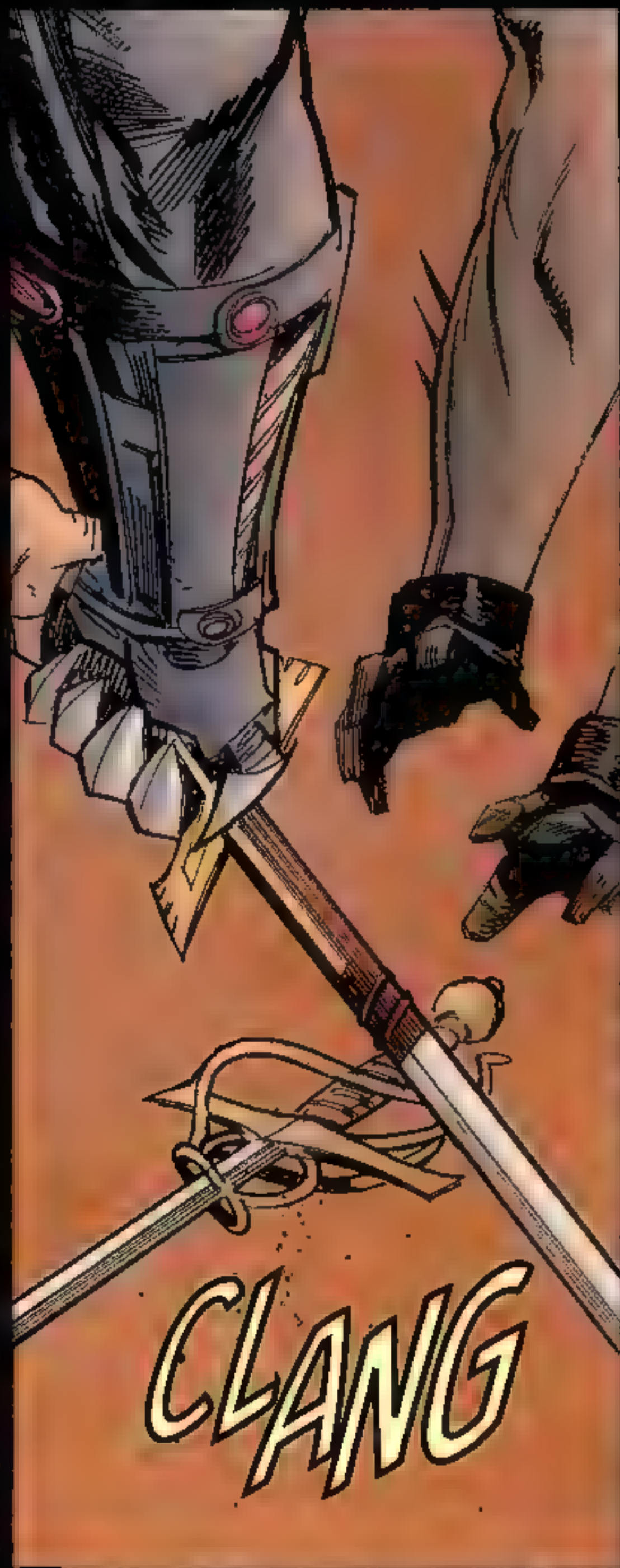
IT WON'T
WORK.

IF YOU
DON'T DIE BY
MY HAND...

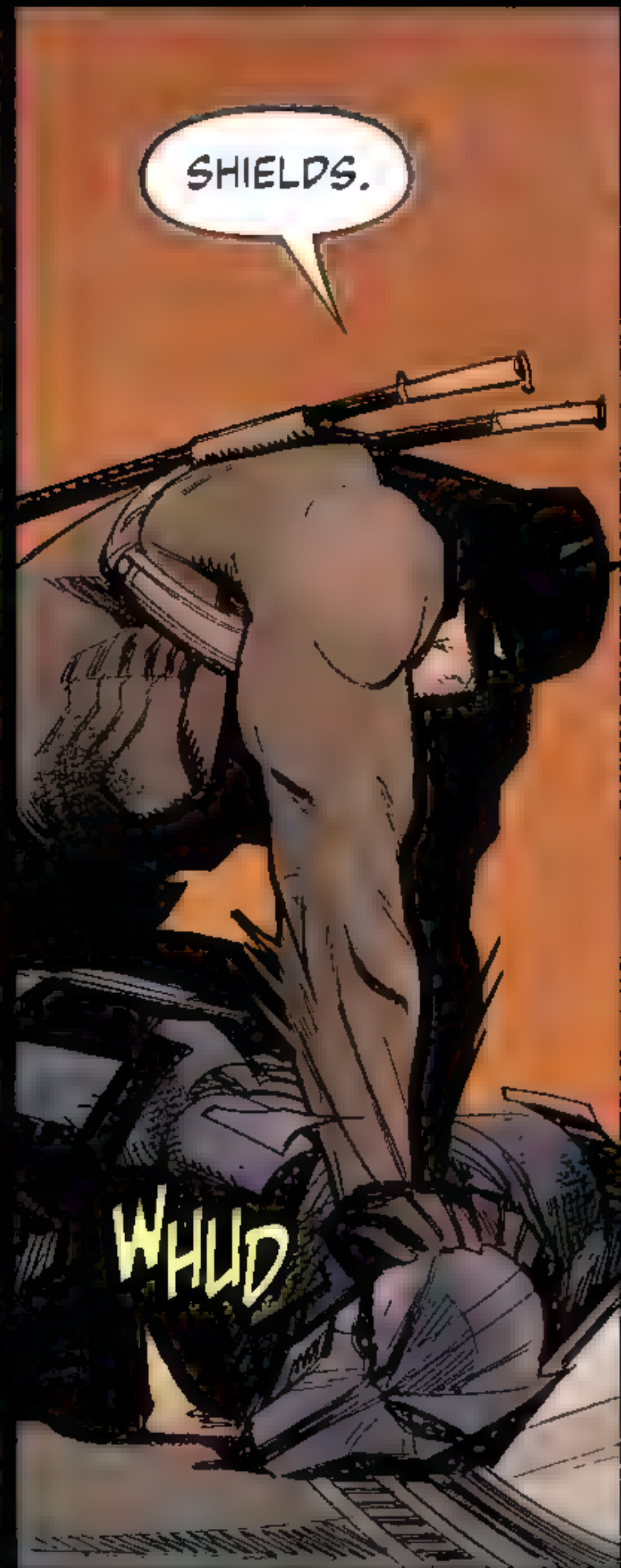
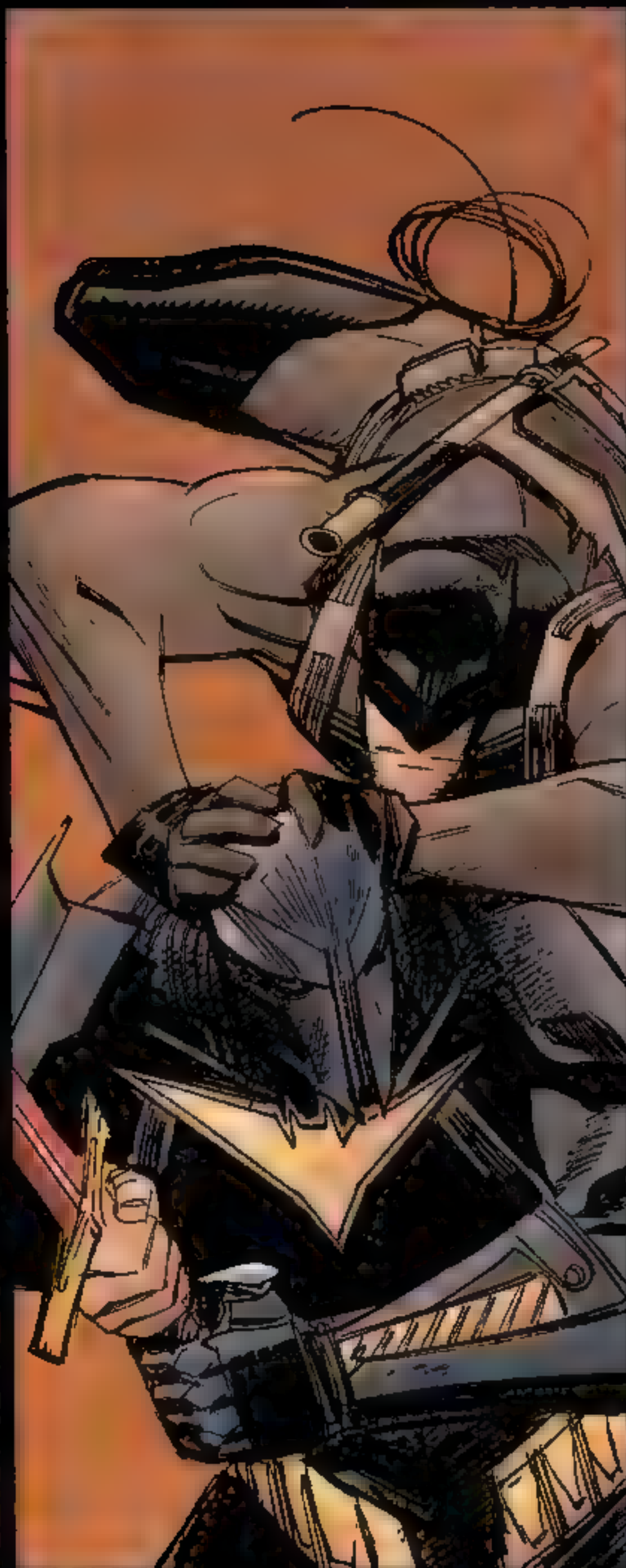




...IT'S BECAUSE
I FORCED YOU
TO KILL ME!

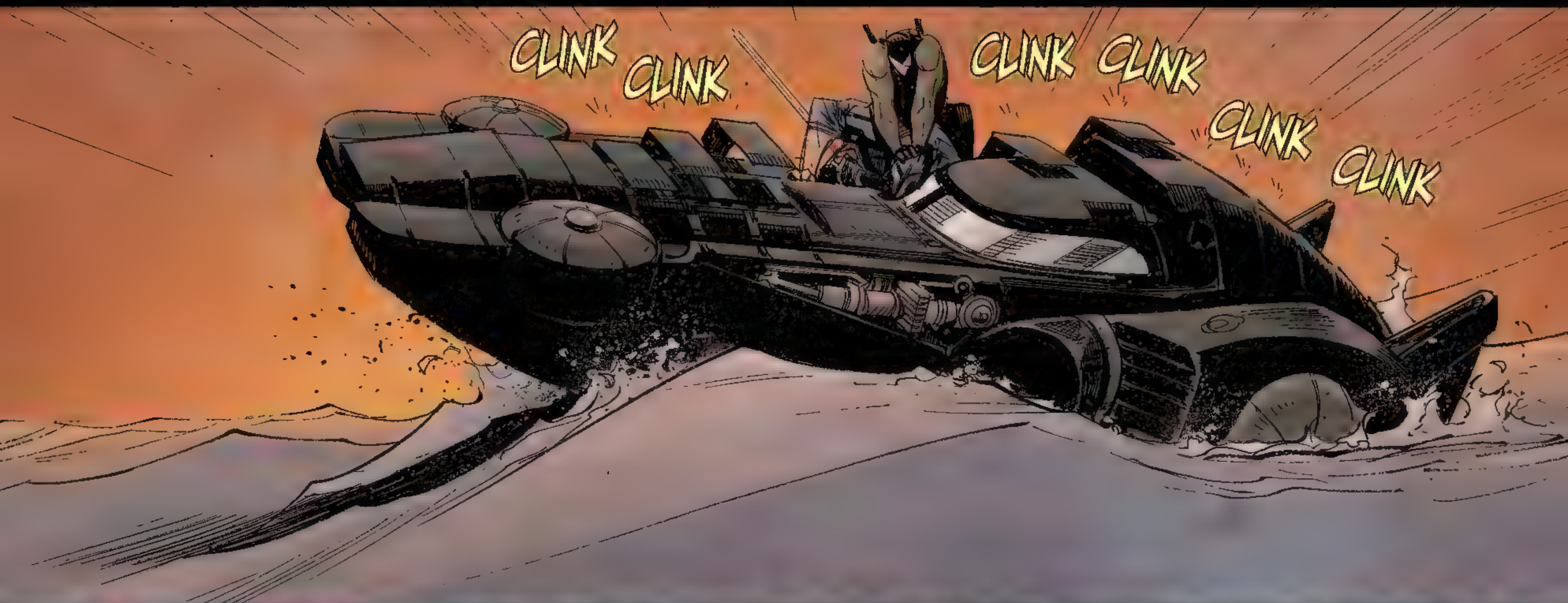


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SHIELDS.

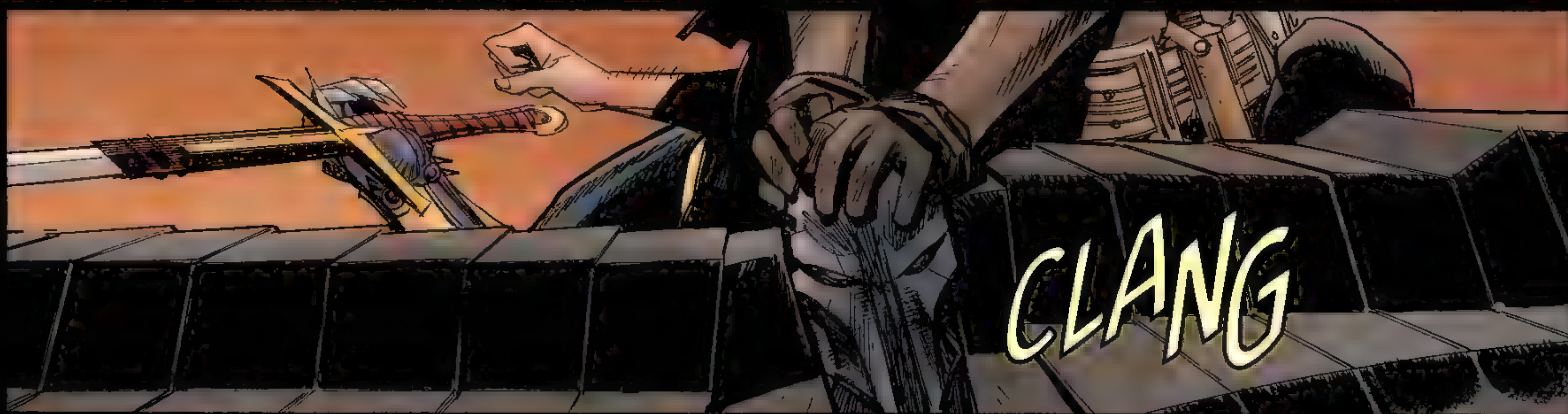
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CLINK CLINK

CLINK CLINK

CLINK CLINK



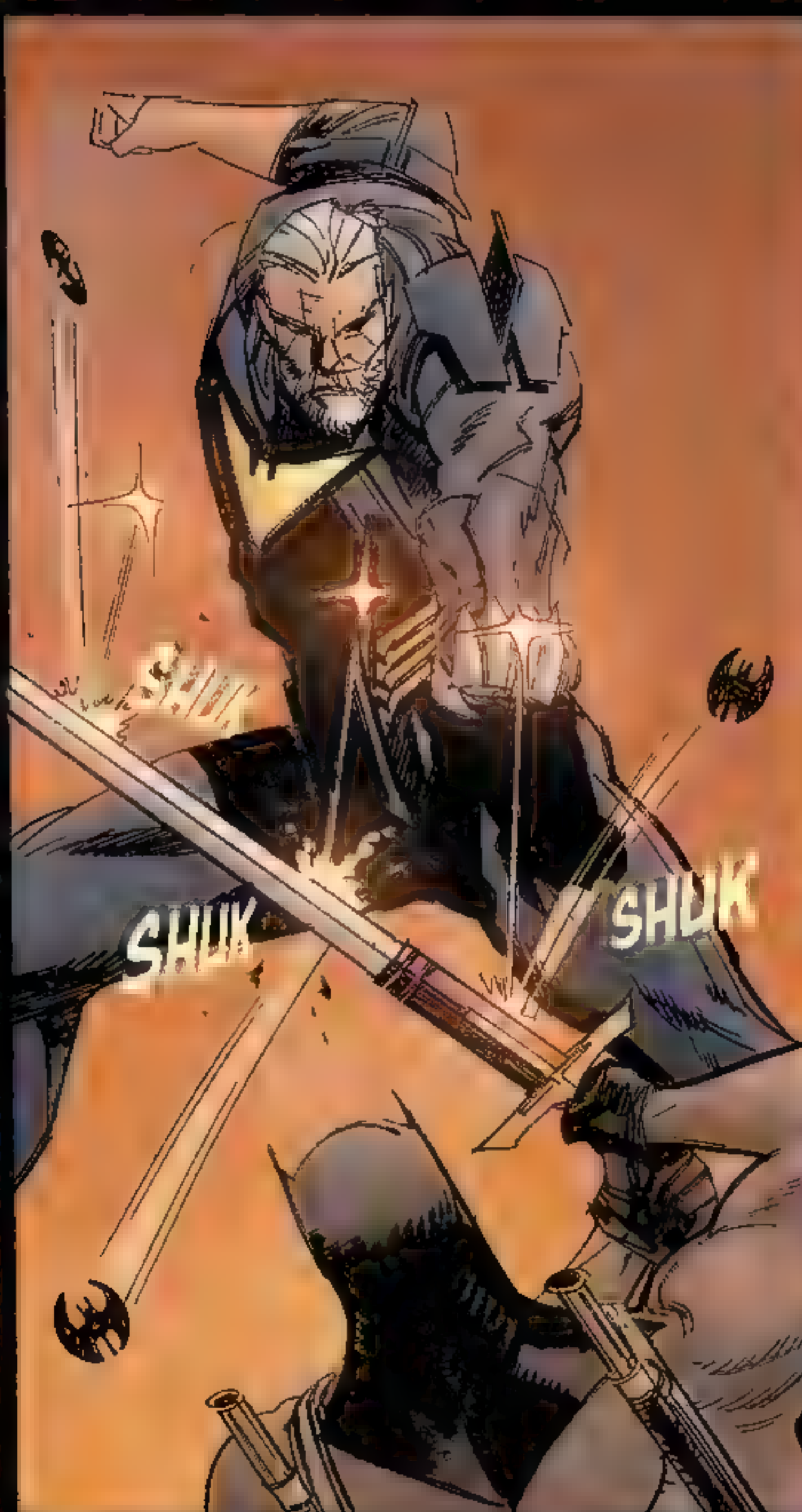
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ARRRRRRRRGH!



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TELL ME ONE LAST THING BEFORE THIS IS OVER: DO YOU THINK THEY KNEW?

WHO?

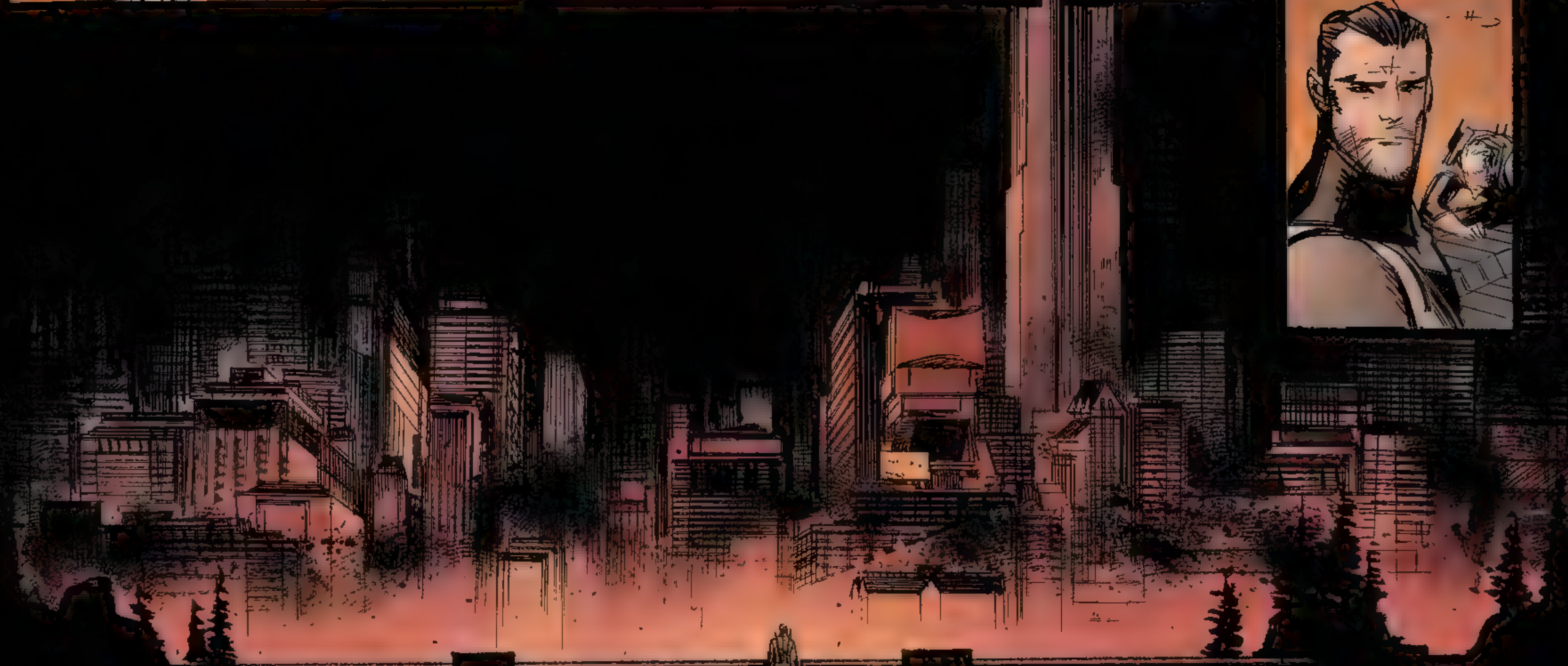
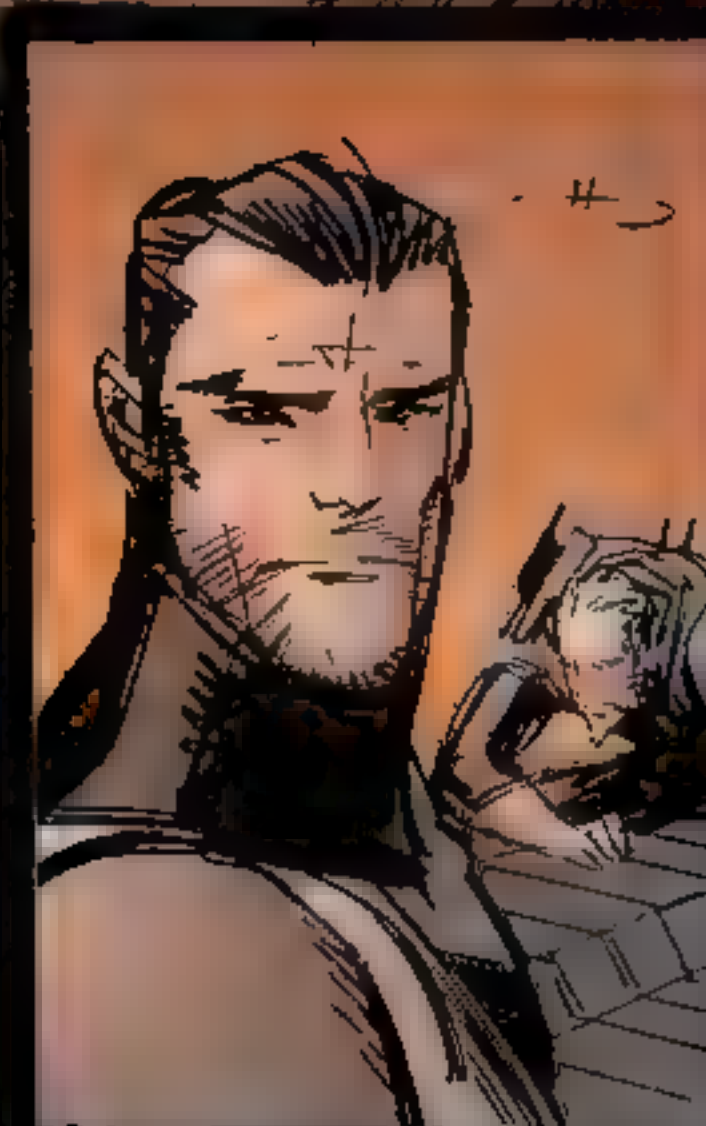
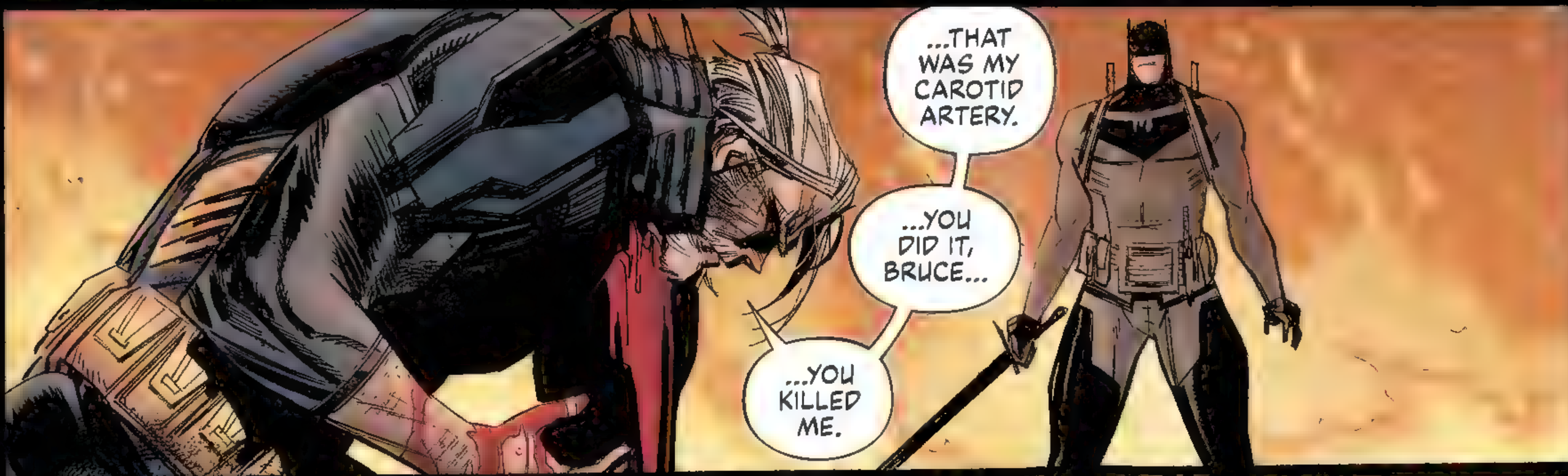
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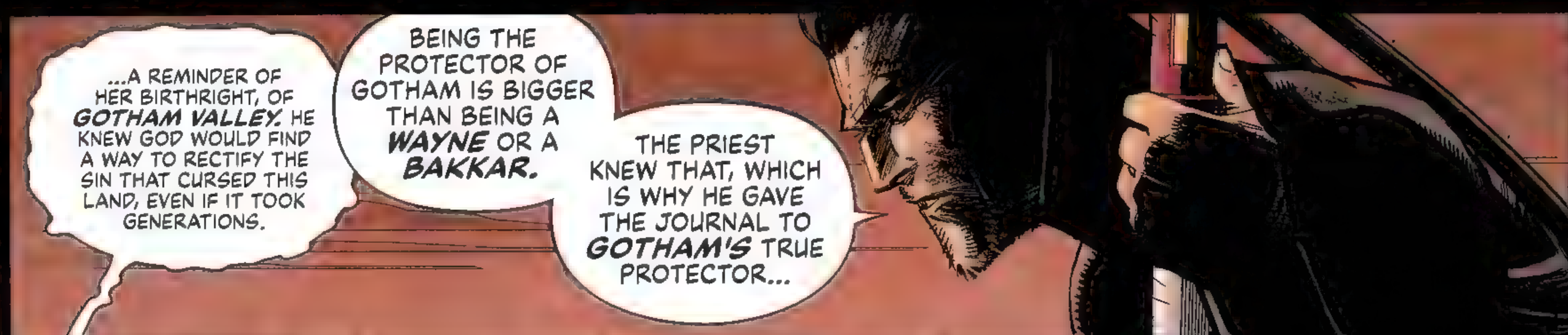


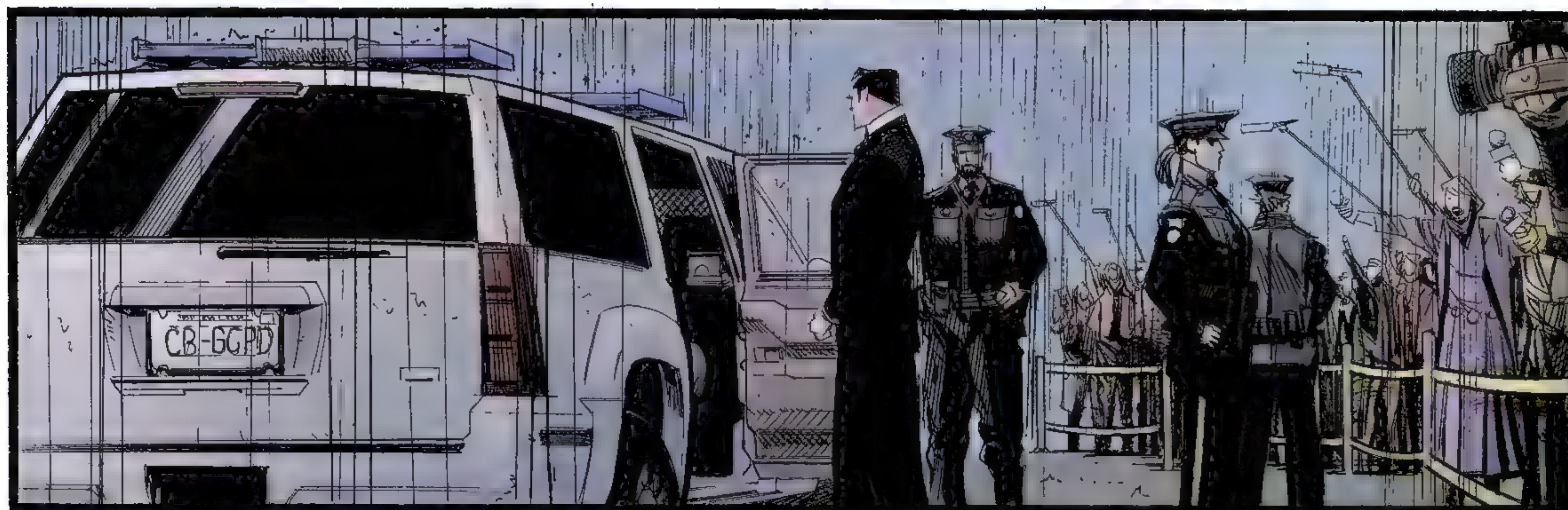
DID THEY KNOW THEY WERE *SWINE* DRAPED IN *PEARLS*? LEECHES FEEDING FROM THE *BLOODY TIT OF GOTHAM*? FAKE ARISTOCRATS BRED FROM A *ROTTEN* BLOODLINE?



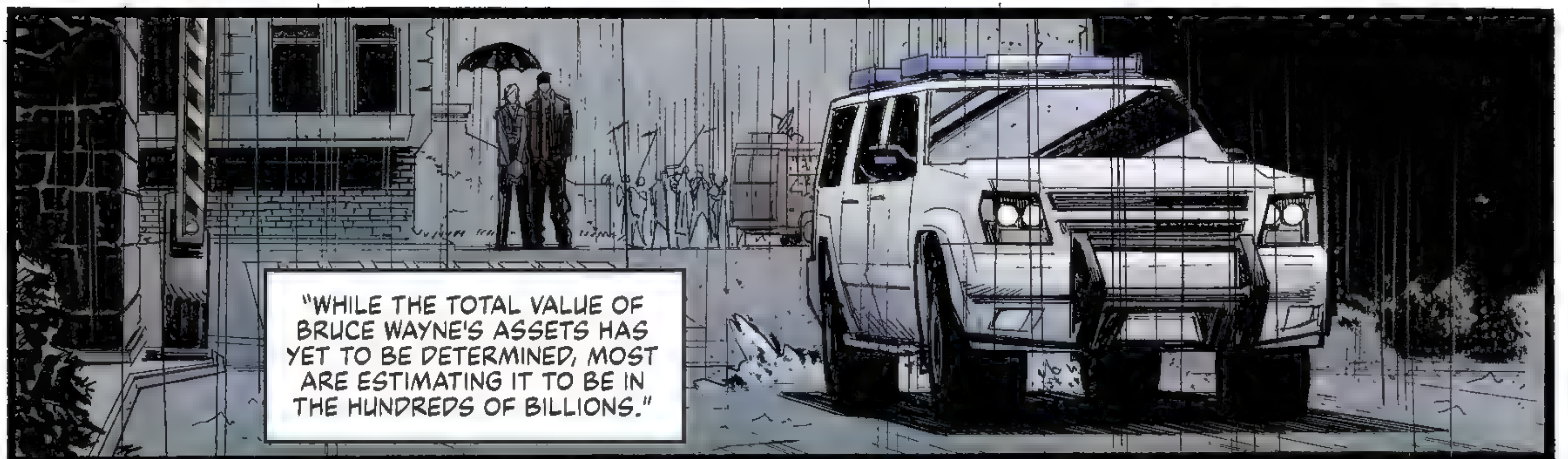
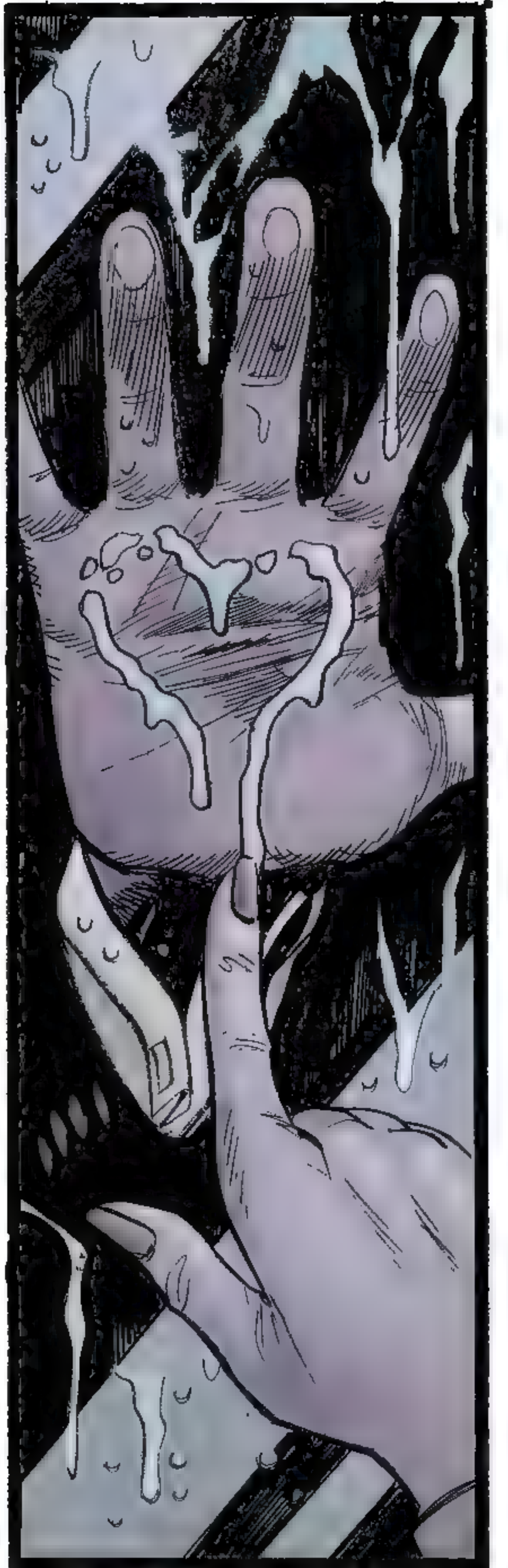
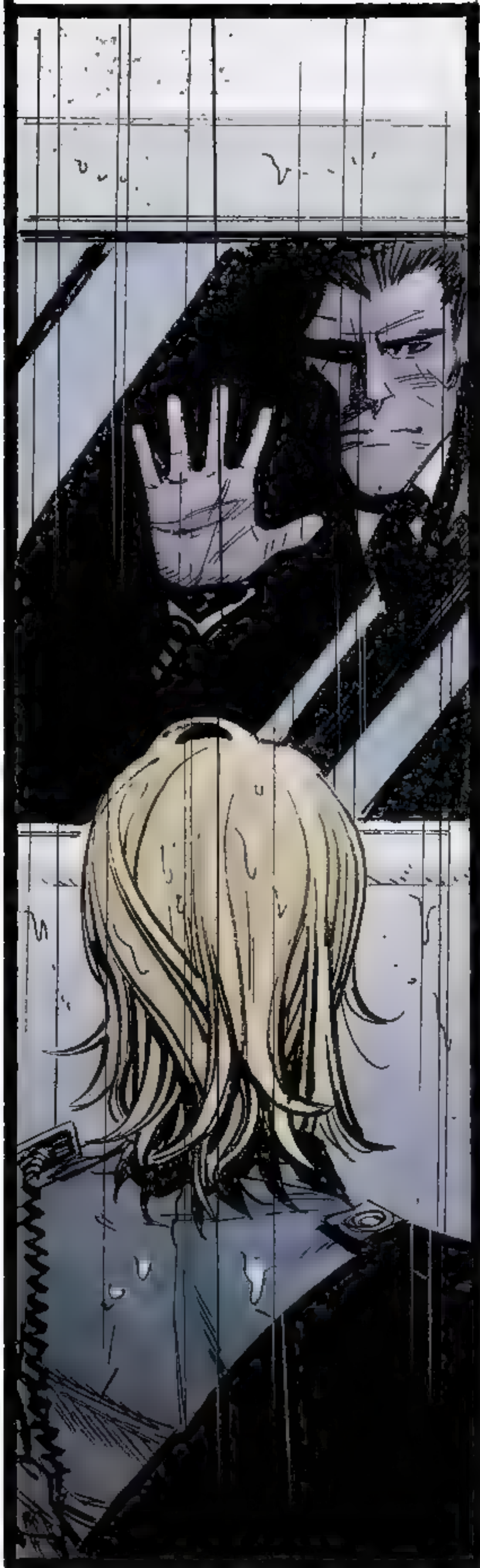
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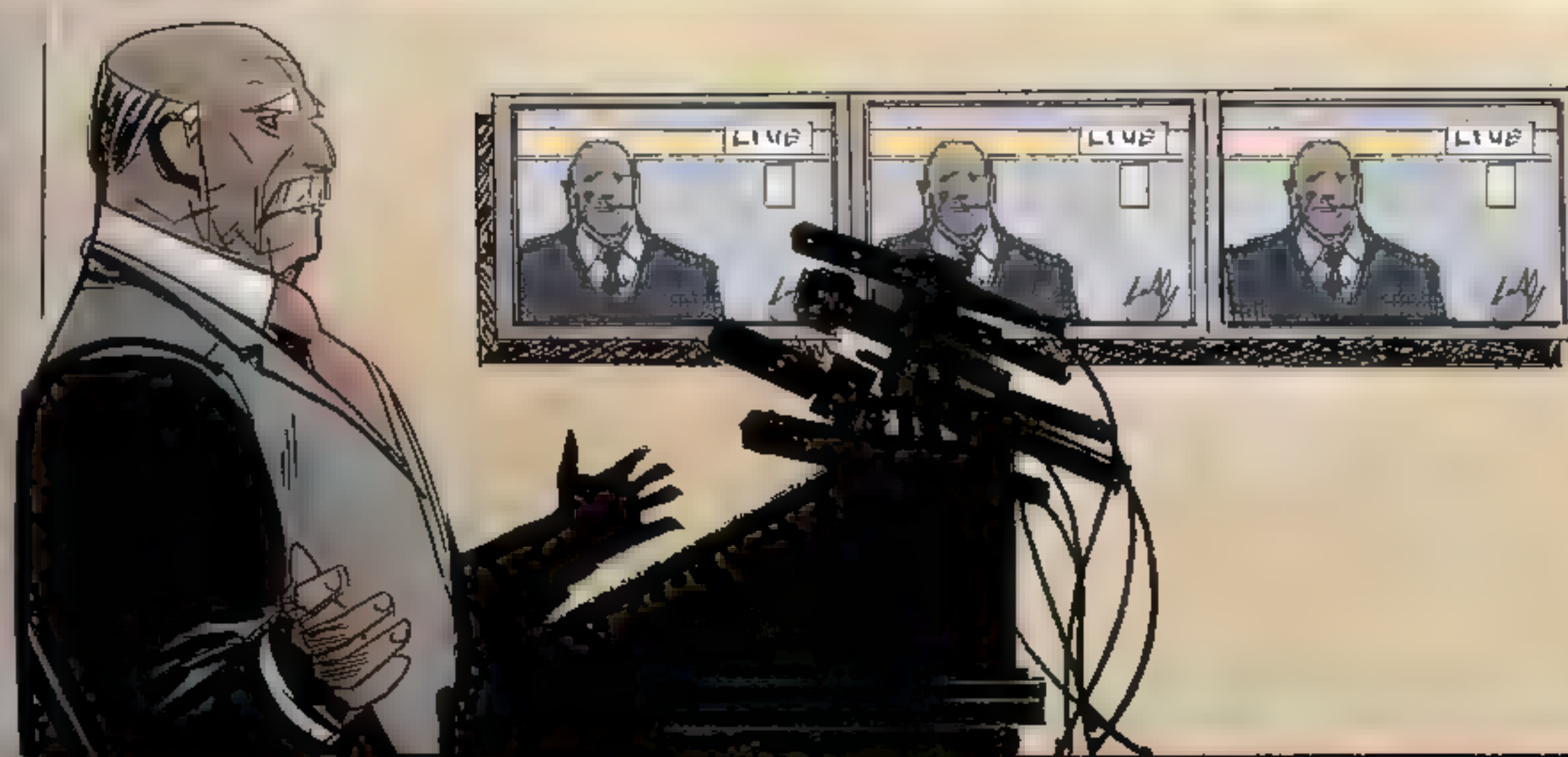
"AND AS PROMISED,
MR. WAYNE HAS BEGUN
GIVING IT ALL AWAY.

**GOTHAM
INSIDER**

"THIS UNPRECEDENTED MOVE WILL
STRIKE A MASSIVE BLOW TO THE
SO-CALLED **ELITES**, BOOST THE
NAPIER INITIATIVE, AND HELP
THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT THE
MOST--**THE LOWER AND
MIDDLE CLASS**.



"OVERSEEING THE TRANSFER IS
LUCIUS FOX--THE CEO OF WAYNE
ENTERPRISE IS RESTRUCTURING
THE COMPANY AND MANY OF ITS
SUBSIDIARIES INTO NONPROFIT
CHARITIES DESIGNED TO INFUSE THE
CITY WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES.



"A LARGE PORTION OF THE MONEY HAS
ALSO BEEN DONATED TO THE GCPD WHERE
IT'LL BE USED TO GIVE THE POLICE SOME
BADLY NEEDED UPGRADES, INCLUDING A
FLEET OF SPECIALIZED VEHICLES
UNOFFICIALLY CALLED **BATMOBILES**.

"THEY'RE ALSO PLANNING TO REBUILD
AND EXPAND THE GTO. NEWLY PROMOTED
SERGEANT BULLOCK HAS ANNOUNCED
PLANS TO RECRUIT **EVEN MORE
VIGILANTES** IN THE COMING MONTHS.



"WHILE MOST OF GOTHAM
SEEMS VERY PLEASED WITH
MR. WAYNE'S DECISION, HE'S
NOT WITHOUT HIS CRITICS.

"SOME ARE ACCUSING
WAYNE OF **SOCIALISM** AND
OF **MILITARIZING THE
POLICE**, WHILE OTHERS
DON'T THINK HIS DONATIONS
GO FAR ENOUGH.

"AND OTHERS ARE
HAVING A HARD TIME
BELIEVING HE WAS EVER
REALLY THE VIGILANTE
**IN THE FIRST
PLACE**.

"BUT THERE IS ONE THING
THAT UNITES US, ONE THING
WE'RE ALL FEELING: **THE
LOSS OF BATMAN**.

"WHATEVER OPINION
YOU MIGHT HAVE OF THE
DARK KNIGHT, HE'S
BEEN A HUGE PART OF
GOTHAM'S IDENTITY.

"WITHOUT BATMAN, WHAT
KIND OF CITY WILL GOTHAM
BE? THAT'S THE QUESTION
WE'LL BE ASKING OURSELVES
A LOT IN THE COMING
MONTHS...

"...AS WE BEGIN
**THE TRIAL OF
BRUCE WAYNE.**"





WHY AM I HERE, BRUCE?



MONTOKA
NEEDED SOMEONE TO
KEEP AN EYE ON ME,
SOMEONE WHO KNOWS
MY TRICKS AND CAN STOP
ME FROM ESCAPING. SO
I HAD HER TRACK
YOU DOWN--

NO CELL
CAN HOLD
YOU, BRUCE.
**WE BOTH
KNOW
THAT.**



YOU REALLY
EXPECT ME TO
BELIEVE THAT
YOU INTEND ON
STAYING HERE?

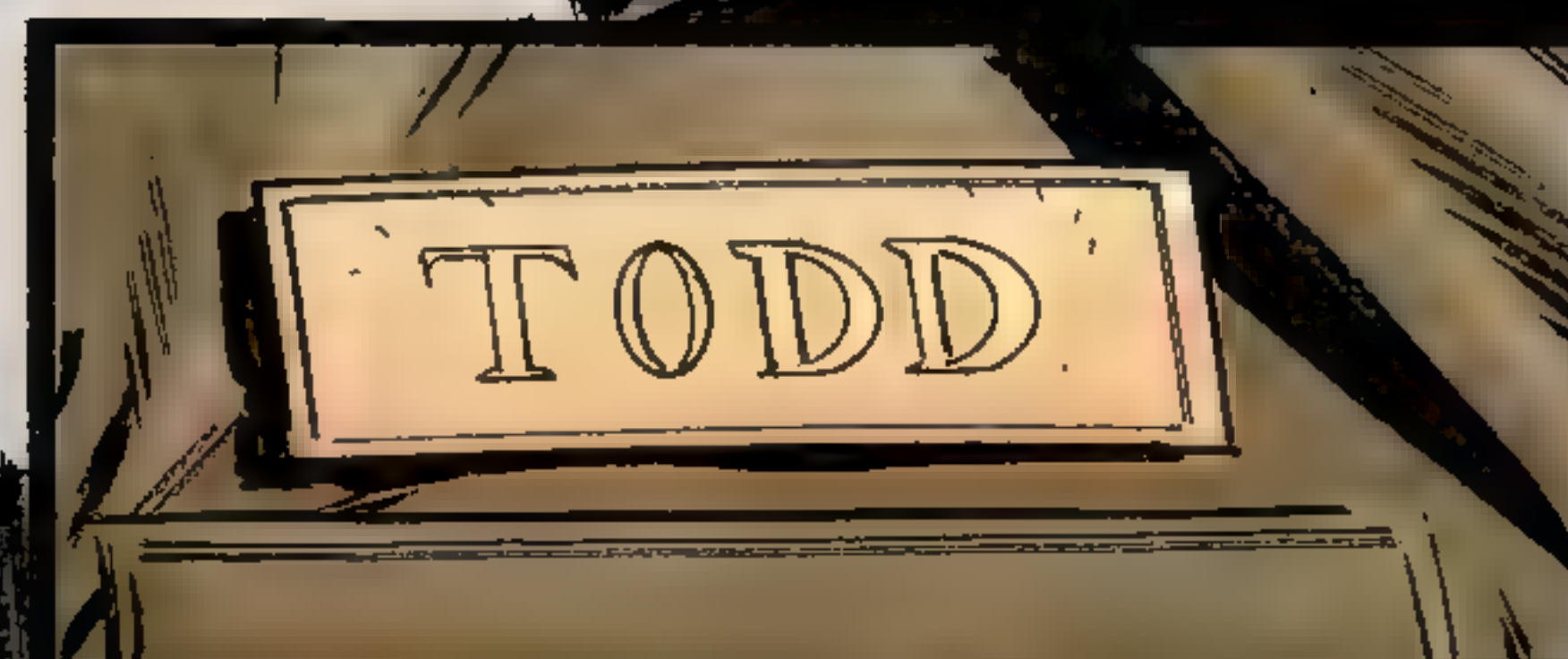
THERE'S
GOT TO BE
ANOTHER
REASON.



YOU'RE
RIGHT. THERE
IS...



I WANT
TO TALK.



THE END



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"Cinematic
and graphic."

—A.V. Club

"Murphy
was truly
born to draw
Batman."

—IGN

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hit."

—SyFy Wire

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do you get
your
money's
worth."

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